

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

(To be used by CHDOs and Non-profits only when using a tiered or unspecified site strategy)

Date of Notice:

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]:

Address: (e.g. street number, PO Box):

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone Number of RE:

On or about _____ (at least one day after the end of the comment period) the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA), will authorize _____ (grant recipient) to submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as _____ (project title) for the purpose of: _____ (nature/scope of project, estimated funding included non-HUD funding sources if applicable, and project location)

The activities proposed *alternative #1: are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements OR alternative #2: comprise a project for which a Finding of No Significant Impact on the environment was (published/posted) on (date of Finding publication/posting).* An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Andrew Jackson Building, Third Floor, 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243 and _____ (name and address of grant recipient office where ERR can be reviewed) and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00A.M. to 4:30P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual or group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Community Programs Division of THDA. All comments received by _____ (notice publication date plus 7 days) will be considered by THDA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

THDA certifies to HUD that Ralph M. Perrey in his capacity as Executive Director consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the _____ (name of grant recipient) to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and THDA's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency;
- (b) the Tennessee Housing Development Agency has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds HUD; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Because the grant award year Project will involve activities at several scattered sites for which the exact location will not be known for some time, an environmental review strategy has been developed including Site Specific Checklists, to assure that the required environmental review is completed for each site. If environmental factors are identified as having an impact on the project or any of the specific project sites, they will be addressed on a case by case basis.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Third Floor, John J. Duncan Federal Building, 710 Locust Street, Knoxville, TN 37902-4393, Attention: Community Planning and Development. Potential objectors should contact the Tennessee Housing Development Agency to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ralph M. Perrey
Executive Director
Tennessee Housing Development Agency