



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 1, 2019
St. Johns County
Housing & Community Services; Community Development Block Program
Health & Human Services Building, Suite 2300
200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about August 13, 2019, St. Johns County will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to request the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as 2898 Collins Avenue. The purpose of this project is to purchase a home on behalf of Alpha-Omega Miracle Home, Inc. This home will be used as affordable rental housing for low to moderate-income families. CDBG funding, in the amount of \$130,526, will be used to purchase the house. CDBG funds, in the amount of \$65,936, will be used to rehabilitate the house. In an inspection of the home, building materials containing asbestos were found. Prior to CDBG funds being spent on rehabilitation of the house, Alpha Omega Miracle Home, Inc. will be responsible for mitigating the asbestos issues and obtaining an Asbestos Clearance Certification from a Florida licensed contractor.

The acquisition and rehabilitation activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project are available for public review. The ERR has been posted to the County's website, and can be found at: <http://www.sjcfl.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>. The ERR is also available for viewing on the following HUD website: <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>. The ERR is also available for review at the Health & Human Services Building, Suite 2300, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. The ERR may be examined or copied weekdays, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the St. Johns County's Housing & Community Services Division, at the address stated above, or by emailing them to: housing@sjcfl.us. The Public Comment period will be August 3 – August 12, 2019. All comments received by August 12, 2019 will be considered by St. Johns County staff prior to submitting a Request for Release of Funds to HUD.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

St. Johns County certifies to HUD that Michael Wanchick, in his capacity as County Administrator, 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 St. Johns County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and St. Johns County's certification for a period of fifteen 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 St. Johns County; (b) St. Johns County 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 by 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. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Lisa Hill, Director, Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), 400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael Wanchick, County Administrator