

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

October 17, 2014
301 Jackson Street
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Richmond, Texas 77469
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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 5, 2014 Fort Bend County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (NAHA), as amended to undertake the following:

Project Nature/Scope

Fort Bend County Housing Rehabilitation Program: Provide tiered review for housing rehabilitation of approximately \$45,000 each for 8 houses owned and occupied by low and very-low income households. Houses are located on scattered sites County-wide. When sites are identified, a specific review will be conducted. The total allocation is \$350,215 HOME funds

Project Location

Tiered Review – Sites to be determined by Fort Bend County

Funding Sources

\$350,215 HOME Funds

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Fort Bend County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Fort Bend County Community Development Department, 301 Jackson, Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Fort Bend County Community Development Department. All comments received by September November 4, 2014 will be considered by Fort Bend County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Fort Bend County certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Robert E. Hebert in his capacity as Fort Bend County Judge 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 Fort Bend County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Fort Bend County's Certification received by November 21, 2014 or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the County of Fort Bend approved by HUD; (b) the County of Fort Bend 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to HUD, 1301 Fannin, Suite 2200, Houston, Texas 77002. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert E. Hebert
Fort Bend County Judge