

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

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**Notice Issued:** March 13, 2013

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS:**

On or about March 29, 2013 the City of New Orleans (City) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds under the 2010 Consolidated Appropriation Act and 2011 Continuing Appropriation Act in order to fund the project known as the Iberville Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Development which is being done in conjunction with the Iberville Infrastructure Redevelopment for the redevelopment of the Iberville Public Housing Development. The City of New Orleans in partnership with the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) will use the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) funds to redevelop the housing development. The Iberville redevelopment plan includes the creation of a mixed-use community offering approximately 880 new residential units with supportive retail spacing. Iberville is comprised of 74 buildings that once contained 821 housing units. HANO and the City intend to retain at least fourteen (14) buildings for reuse and rehabilitation. The street grid removed during the construction of the Iberville superblock will be restored. This undertaking also includes the acquisition, demolition and redevelopment of two adjacent properties, known as the Winn Dixie and RV park sites, for the creation of additional units. The Iberville complex is roughly bounded by North Robertson to the northwest, St. Louis St. to the northeast, Iberville St. to the southwest and Basin St. to southeast. All work will be performed in compliance with the Programmatic Agreement among the City of New Orleans, HANO, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The project will also adhere to all local, state, and federal statutes, laws and ordinances in the construction and redevelopment of the project. Approximately \$30,500,000.00 in CNI funds under grant number LA6H-001-CNI-110 will be used to fund this project.

The Iberville Infrastructure Redevelopment undertaking is being funded with Disaster-CDBG this will be released by State Office of Community Development. A separate Combined Notice is being published with a detail project description for the public input.

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of New Orleans 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 City of New Orleans, Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000, New Orleans, LA 70112, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To view the full ERR call Shirley Smith at 658-4357 or e-mail [sasmith@nola.gov](mailto:sasmith@nola.gov) for an appointment.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination, or wishing to comment on the program may submit written comments to this office. All comments received by March 28, 2013, will be considered by this office prior to the authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this notice they are addressing. Comments can also be emailed to [sasmith@nola.gov](mailto:sasmith@nola.gov).

**RELEASE OF FUNDS:**

The City of New Orleans certifies to LOCD that Cedric S. Grant, in his capacity as Deputy Mayor for Facilities, Infrastructure, and Community Development for the City of New Orleans 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. LOCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of New Orleans to use Program Funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS:**

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of New Orleans' certification received by April 15, 2013 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 City of New Orleans; (b) the City of New Orleans 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 the City of New Orleans; 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:

Department of Housing and Urban Development  
501 Magazine St.  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Potential objectors should contact the HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mitchell J. Landrieu,  
Mayor

Cedric S. Grant, Deputy Mayor  
Facilities, Infrastructure, and Community Development

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