

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: 1/07/2015

Name of Responsible Entity: City of Morristown, TN

Address: 100 W. 1st North Street, Morristown, TN 37814

Telephone Number: (423) 581-0100

On or about January 15, 2016 the City of Morristown, will submit a request to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency 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 the 2014 HOME Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Project for the purpose of providing \$375,000 toward rehabilitation, energy efficiency and safety measures to qualifying homeowners of single family housing units throughout the City of Morristown, Tennessee.

The 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 is on file at the Morristown Department of Community Development and Planning, 100 West 1st North Street, Morristown, TN 37814; the Morristown-Hamblen Library, 417 W Main Street, Morristown, TN or the main office of Central Services, 2450 S Cumberland Avenue, Morristown, TN or can be viewed online at www.mymorristown.com and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 PM. at the above locations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual or group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Morristown Department of Community Development and Planning attn.: Alan C. Hartman, Director. 100 W. 1st North Street, Morristown, TN 37814 or by email to ahartman@mymorristown.com. All comments received by January 14, 2015 will be considered by the City of Morristown prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Morristown certifies to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency that Mr. Tracy Stroud in *his* capacity as Community Development Coordinator for the City of Morristown 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. The Tennessee Housing Development Agency's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Morristown to use Program funds

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Morristown'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 City of Morristown;
- (b) the City of Morristown 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 the Tennessee Housing Development Agency; 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 Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Andrew Jackson Building, Third Floor, 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243, Attention: Community Programs Division. Potential objectors should contact the Tennessee Housing Development Agency to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mr. Gary Chesney, Mayor