

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 22, 2012

City of Decatur

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On or about September 5, 2012 the City of Decatur will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Community Development Act of 1974, in accordance with Section 104 (g)(42 USC 5304)(G) and HOME Investment Partnership funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act as amended, to undertake the following project:

- 1) **CDBG Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation**, allocation of \$362,242.86 to provide code and incipient code improvements for low and moderate income homeowners. This amount is a combination of FY2012 funds and FY2011 carryover funds. This project is Categorically Excluded from environmental review under section 58.35(a)(3)(i).

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Decatur, 1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois where the ERR can be examined or copied Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Decatur Public Library will have the ERR available for review Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. and Friday and Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Decatur, Neighborhood Outreach Division, 1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, IL. All comments received by September 5, 2012 will be considered by the City of Decatur prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Decatur certifies to Department of Housing and Urban Development that Ryan P. McCrady in his capacity as City Manager 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. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Decatur to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region V Office, will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Decatur certification received by September 19, 2012 or for a period of fifteen days following 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 Decatur; (b) the City of Decatur 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, Region V office; 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 Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region V, Community Planning and Development, Attention: Ray E. Willis, CPD Director, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Potential objectors should contact HUD, Region V Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ryan P. McCrady, City Manager