



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

February 17, 2025

City of Homestead
100 NE Civic Court
Homestead, Florida, 33030
305-224-4400

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Homestead.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 4, 2025 the City of Homestead will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding (CPF) funds under Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) the FY2023 Act, to undertake a project known as Downtown Revitalization and Resilient Electrical Infrastructure for the purpose of the replacement of existing aging overhead electric facilities with more robust underground infrastructure, able to withstand high winds and other natural disaster related issues in the older commercial part of the City (119 NW 6th Street, Homestead, Florida). Thus, allowing local businesses to remain open and operational following a hurricane or other severe weather events. The underground facilities will be upgraded to handle the forecast increased electrical demand that is anticipated in conjunction with the planned downtown revitalization, and to provide electric circuit redundancy. Also, the undergrounding of electrical facilities is much more aesthetically pleasing, aiding in revitalizing the area and attracting new business. The approximate project cost is \$1,000,000 with federal funding from the Community Project Funding (CPF) funds, grant number B- 23-CP-FL-0409.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Homestead 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 City of Homestead City Clerks Office, located at 100 NE Civic Court, Homestead, FL 33030 and may be examined or copied on weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Homestead Attention: Esteban Hernandez, Engineering Dist. Supervisor, located at 100 NE Civic Court, Homestead, FL 33030. All comments received by March 4, 2025, will be considered by the City of Homestead prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Homestead certifies to HUD that Nzeribe Ihekwa, PhD, PE, 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Homestead to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Homestead'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 the City of Homestead; (b) the City of Homestead 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 HUD administration office at 451 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Nzeribe Ihekwa, PhD, PE, City Manager
Certifying Officer