

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

*Date of Notice – April 27, 2024*

*Name of Responsible Entity - City of Brownsville*

*Address - 1150 E. Adams 3rd Floor*

*City, State, Zip Code - Brownsville, TX 78520*

*Telephone Number of RE (956) 548-6199*

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the: **Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville.**

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about **May 13, 2024**, the City of Brownsville (COB) will authorize the Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville (HACB) to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HUD Capital Fund Grant funds under Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C 1437) to undertake a project known as Victoria Gardens Demolition. The Development location and estimated funding are presented below:

**1809 Grant Street, Brownsville, TX 78521.**  
**Capital Funds grant amount: To be determined**  
**Estimated total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds)**  
**\$776,000.00**

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Brownsville (COB) 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 HACB office located at 2606 Boca Chica Blvd, Brownsville, Texas, and may be examined or copied weekdays Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the HACB. All comments received by May 12, 2024, will be considered by the HACB and COB prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The COB certifies to HUD that Ms. Helen Ramirez in her capacity as the 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 HACB to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of the fund and the COB 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 COB; (b) the COB 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 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street S.W., Washington DC 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

**Helen Ramirez, City Manager**

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