

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

**Date of Notice:**

07/19/16

**Name of Responsible Entity (RE):**

City of Hialeah, FL

**Address:**

501 Palm Avenue  
Hialeah, Florida 33010

**Point of Contact:**

Annette Quintana, Esq.  
Director of Grants and Human Services Department  
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **July 29, 2016**, the **City of Hialeah** will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended for the following project: **JFK Public Library Improvements** for the purpose of renovating public facilities at the benefit of low-and-moderate residents. The **City of Hialeah** is requesting the release of **\$250,000 of CDBG funds from the 2016 program year**.

**Project Name:** Hialeah JFK Public Library facilities renovation

**Project Description:** The project being undertaken by the City of Hialeah, FL is a general facilities renovation of the JFK Public Library consisting of public restroom remodeling, parking lot rescale and restripe, general landscaping, and Terrazzo floor restoration. Minor rehab of existing structure – no new ground disturbance, density increases, expansion of footprint, or change in uses. Project budget does not equal 50 percent of building value.

**Project Location:** 190 West 49 St. Hialeah, FL 33012

**Estimated Cost of Project:** \$845,000 total, \$250,000 of which is CDBG funds.

**Level of Environmental Review Determination:**

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5: This categorically excluded activity/project cannot convert to Exempt status because one or more statutes or authorities listed at Section 58.5 requires formal consultation or mitigation.

**Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):** *Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]*: Site is located in Zone AH (EL 8) Mandatory flood insurance must be purchased and maintained for the life of the building to meet requirements.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at *City of Hialeah's Department of Grants and Human Service (501 Palm Avenue Hialeah, Florida 33010)* and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to:

Annette Quintana, Director, Hialeah Department of Grants and Human Service at [aquintana@hialeahfl.gov](mailto:aquintana@hialeahfl.gov) or in person at *501 Palm Avenue Hialeah, Florida 33010*.

All comments received by *July 27, 2016* will be considered by the City of Hialeah prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The *City of Hialeah* certifies to the HUD Miami Field Office that **Mayor Carlos Hernandez** 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 certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the *City of Hialeah* to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

***HUD* will accept objections to its release of fund and the *City of Hialeah'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 Hialeah; (b) the *City of Hialeah* has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; 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 *HUD Miami Field Office* at**

*Brickell Plaza Federal Building  
909 SE First Avenue  
Room 500  
Miami, FL 33131-3028*

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

*City of Hialeah, FL Mayor Carlos Hernandez*