

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

City of Pharr  
118 S. Cage Blvd, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Pharr, Texas 78577  
(956) 702-5360

January 19, 2011

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about February 4, 2011 the City of Pharr will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development of the Act of 1974(P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake the projects listed below assisted under the city's Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2010/2011:

**(1) Downtown Assistance Program**

**\$50,000**

Funds will be used on the Downtown Assistance Program in providing business owners/tenants in the downtown historical district the opportunity to improve their business with a façade restoration or storefront improvement assistance. The activity is proposing to assist (3) businesses on a dollar-for-dollar match. Program objective is to increase economic development opportunities and, therefore, records of job creation and retention will be maintained.

**Project location:** Proposed projects will be determined from business owners/tenants whom submit an application for assistance and whose business resides within the downtown district, from US 281, North to Juarez Street and South to Kelly Street and from Park Avenue, West to Aster Street and East to Athol Street.

**(2) Proyecto Azteca**

**\$146,000**

Funds will be used on a housing program proposing to improve the City's housing stock by reconstructing (3) single-family residential units (SFRU) that meet the qualifications and eligibility criteria of HUD's housing program guidelines at a cost of \$39,500 per unit and the rehabilitation of (3) SFRU at a cost of \$9,166.66 per unit.

**Project location:** Project locations will be determined upon approval and prequalification of applications from individuals off the City's housing assistance waiting list.

**(3) Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc.**

**\$50,000**

Funds will be used on the material and labor costs of the new construction of a single-family residential unit, (3) bedroom/(2) bathroom, 1512 square feet of living and garage space in the Woodcrest Subdivision (north Pharr). AHSTI will provide lot.

**Project location:** Vacant lot on Woodcrest Subdivision, located North of Pharr on Minnesota Road.

**(4) Street Improvements**

**\$100,000**

Project will consist of reconstruction and re-asphalt of 5,280 linear feet, increasing the street from the current (2) lanes, upgraded to (3) lanes; curbs will be replaced with new throughout the entire 5,280 linear feet and; drainage will be improved with new trunk line sections; and outlets will be evenly spaced, per standards, throughout the project.

**Project location:** Reconstruction on East Sam Houston, from U.S. 281 to "I" Road. Drainage improvements from Dogwood Street to Athol Street

**(5) Clearance & Demolition**

**\$56,270**

Funds will be used on a clearance and demolition program designed to eliminate (9) single-family residential units that are vacant and abandoned and are posing a safety and health hazard concern to the community. Proposed units to be demolished will be determined from a City inventory list of

**Project location:** Proposed demolitions of:

516 W. Aster  
312 W. Egly  
1311 E. Hawk  
903 E. Sanchez  
814 W. Warren

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Pharr has determined that the project (s) 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 Pharr, 118 S. Cage Blvd. Pharr, Texas 78577, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M.

**15-DAY PUBLIC COMMENTS PERIOD**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Community Development Division, 118 S. Cage Blvd. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Pharr, Texas 78577. All comments received by **February 3, 2011** will be considered by the City of Pharr prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenter's should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Pharr certifies to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development San Antonio Field Office, Region IV, that Leopoldo "Polo" Palacios in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Pharr to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development San Antonio Field Office, Region IV will consider objections to this release of funds and the City of Pharr certification received by February 21, 2011 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are in one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Pharr approved by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, San Antonio, Texas; (b) the City of Pharr 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, San Antonio, Texas; 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, San Antonio Field Office, Region IV, C/O Richard Lopez, CP&D Director at 106 South St. Mary's St., Suite 405, San Antonio Texas 785207-4563. Potential objectors should contact U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development San Antonio, Texas at (210) 475-6820 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Leopoldo "Polo" Palacios , City of Pharr

***Si necesita explicacion en español sobre este aviso/noticia publica, favor de llamar al departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al 956-702-5360.***