

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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Responsible Entity (RE): Maricopa HOME Consortium

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On or after October 25, 2011 Maricopa County, as lead agency of the Maricopa HOME Consortium will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake the activities described below by Project title, Nature/Scope of project, estimated funding, and project location as applicable and required:

Project Title: *Peoria NSP Target Area Homeownership Program*

Purpose: *This will be single family acquisition, disposition, rehabilitation and conveyance of property including homebuyer assistance to owner occupants who qualify under the program income eligibility guidelines.*

Location: *Housing will be from a target area bounded by 67th Avenue on the East; 75th Avenue on the West; Peoria Avenue on the North, and; Olive Avenue on the South.*

Estimated HOME funding Investments: *HOME approximately \$362,415*

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of Peoria, Planning & Community Development Department 9875 N. 85th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345 and may be examined or copied weekdays Monday through Thursday 8 A.M to 4 P.M. As specific sites are identified an Appendix "A" review will be completed to verify if the site can be converted to an exempt project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Peoria, Planning & Community Development Department, 9875 N. 85th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345. All comments received by October 24, 2011 will be considered by the City of Peoria and Maricopa HOME Consortium prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds for any projects determined not be exempt by HUD regulations.

Information by also be obtained by written request emailed to: neighborhoodrevitalization@peoriaaz.gov or appleman@azcsi.com

Persons with disabilities using a TDD or TTY device may communicate with our office by calling the U.S. West relay service at 711. Asistencia en español: Para que le interpreten la solicitud en español, llame al 623-773-7250.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Maricopa HOME Consortium is certifying to HUD that Renee Ayres-Benavidez, in her official capacity as Deputy Director of Maricopa County Human Services, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and allows Maricopa HOME Consortium through the City of Glendale to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Maricopa HOME Consortium'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 in fact executed by the Certifying Officer of the Maricopa HOME Consortium; or
- (b) the Maricopa HOME Consortium has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; or
- (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to: Mr. David Uhler, Phoenix CPD Representative, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Phoenix Regional Office of Community Planning and Development, 1 North Central Avenue, Suite 600, Phoenix, AZ 85004 (phone 602-379-7100). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Asistencia en español: Para que le interpreten la solicitud en español, llame al (623) 930-3670 o llame al TDD (623) 930-2197.

Renee Ayres-Benavidez, Deputy Director, Maricopa County Human Services

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