

Public Notice

On July 1, 2015, the City, through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), posted a Public Notice in the Houston Chronicle proposing to award up to \$3,500,000 in federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to the Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) for the construction of Fenix Estates, a 200-unit multifamily affordable rental complex for families, located at 3815 Gulf Freeway in District I. This complex includes a minimum set-aside of 40 units for Permanent Supportive Housing for the homeless. At this time, the total construction budget was estimated at \$42,627,160.

On November 12, 2016, the City, through its HCDD posted a Public Notice in the Houston Chronicle proposing to award additional HOME funding up to \$400,000 for the construction of Fenix Estates for a total proposed award of \$3,900,000.

The amount of low-income housing tax credits that was to be used as an additional funding source for this project has decreased, therefore creating a gap in funding. To supplement these funds, HCDD is proposing to award up to \$2,050,000 in additional HOME funding for a total HOME award amount of \$5,950,000. The total construction budget is now estimated at \$53,529,022. The HOME funds will come from the unallocated Multifamily line item in various Annual Action Plans where funding is available.

Due to the lapse in time beginning from the date the original Public Notice was published, we are issuing a new public comment period. The public has thirty days (30) to comment on this proposed item. The thirty-day period extends from Thursday, February 23, 2017 through Saturday March 25, 2017. For more information on this item, contact Ryan Bibbs at 832.394.6128. Written comments can be submitted by mail to Derek Sellers, HCDD, 601 Sawyer Suite 400, Houston, TX 77007. Following the public comment period, the projects will be submitted to City Council for approval.

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Royce Sells at 832.394.6240. For more information on HCDD and its programs, visit HCDD's website at www.houstontx.gov/housing/.