

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

*February 1, 2023*

*City of Houston,  
Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)  
2100 Travis St., 9th floor  
Houston, TX 77002  
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**This notice shall satisfy procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Houston, HCDD.**

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 9, 2023, Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the release of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, (P.L. 117-103) (the Act), Congress made available “grants for the Economic Development Initiative for the purposes of Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending” and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a project known as Bissonnet Social Services Hub. These Community Project Funding (CPF) awards and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) are administered by HUD.

**Project Location:** 10425 Bissonnet St., Houston, TX 77099

**Project Description:** This project, Bissonnet Social Services Hub will acquire and proceed with site preparation to rehabilitate the property, as well as co-locate the outreach efforts of community organizations, City agencies, County partners and healthcare providers to support the Alief Westwood Complete Communities Action Plans goals:

- Promote workforce development opportunities and host job fairs by connecting residents to available job and training programs and growing job sectors
- Connect residents to available health resources by making an inventory of available healthcare resources and making healthcare more accessible through diverse outreach strategies.
- Expand and connect residents to mental healthcare by building on programs available at area schools and connecting vulnerable populations, such as sex workers, to services they need
- Address blight and nuisance properties by making an inventory of abandoned, vacant, and dangerous buildings and developing a plan to address blight and ensure proper maintenance of properties
- Expand actions to prevent human trafficking and provide resources to victims by advocating for police to address challenges of human trafficking and developing strategies across agencies to improve outreach, information, and service delivery for the victims of human trafficking
- Address nuisance properties to improve safety

The property is located at 10425 Bissonnet St, Houston, TX 77099. The existing building is on 2.99 acres (130,244 sq. ft) to the south of Bissonnet Street and southwest of Brooklet Drive. The subject property is developed with a vacant commercial building and associated parking lot area

within a gated fenced area. It is accessible from Bissonnet Street through a driveway along the northern perimeter and from Brooklet Drive through a driveway along the eastern perimeter.

The City of Houston has classified the project as Categorically Excluded activity/project per (24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5: 24 CFR 58.35(a)(1), 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(iii) (A),(B), 24 CFR 58.35(a)(5), and 24 CFR 58.35(a)(6).

**Funding Information**

<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>HUD Program</b>	<b>Uses</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
<b>B-22-CP-TX-0860</b>	<b>Community Project Fund (CPF)</b>	<b>Acquisition &amp; Site Preparation</b>	<b>\$1,764,000.00</b>
B-22-CP-TX-0860	Community Project Fund (CPF)	Pre-Development	\$16,000.00
B-22-CP-TX-0860	Community Project Fund (CPF)	Administration	\$220,000.00
<b>B-22-MC-48-0018</b>	<b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b>	<b>Acquisition</b>	<b>\$1,400,000.00</b>

**Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:** \$3,400,000.00 (\$3,164,000.00 Acquisition & Site Preparation covered by this Public Notice and HUD Request for Release of Funds; \$236,000.00 of Administration and Pre-Development covered by separate clearance review).

**Estimated Total Project Cost** (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$6,316,000.00 (\$3,400,000.00 HUD funds, \$2,916,000.00 non-HUD funds)

This project proposes to use the following funding, including:

<b>Budget Breakdown: Activity</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Acquisition & Site Preparation ...	CPF .....	\$1,764,000.00
Site Preparation .....	OTHER NON-CPF .....	\$336,000.00
Acquisition .....	CDBG NON-CPF .....	\$1,400,000.00
Pre-Development .....	CPF .....	\$16,000.00
Construction, Renovation, & Rehabilitation .....	OTHER NON-CPF	\$1,280,000.00
Programming / Services	OTHER NON-CPF	\$1,300,000.00
Administration .....	CPF	\$220,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>\$6,316,000.00</b>

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or by email to [hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov](mailto:hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov). The ERR can be accessed online at the following website

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>. All comments received by the close of business on February 8, 2023 will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Houston certifies to HUD that Sylvester Turner, in his capacity as Mayor 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 City of Houston to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston certification for a period of seven 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 Houston; (b) the City of Houston 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77010 or by phone at (713) 718-3199, or e-mail at [CPD\\_COVID-19OEE-HOS@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_COVID-19OEE-HOS@hud.gov) (environmental), [CPD\\_GeneralCorr-HOS@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_GeneralCorr-HOS@hud.gov); (general). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Sylvester Turner, Mayor  
City of Houston*

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