

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

September 11, 2025

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On or about September 19, 2025, on behalf of grant recipient OST/Alameda Corridors Redevelopment Authority – TIRZ #7 (“OST/Alameda – TIRZ #7”), **the** City of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department **will submit a request to the** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) **for the release of Community Project Fund (CPF) funds** designated **under** the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, (P.L. 117-328), *as amended*, by which Congress made available “grants for the Economic Development Initiative for the purposes of Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending.”

The grant, which is administered by HUD, will be used for the purpose of undertaking a project known as Greater Southeast Management District (GSMD) Street & Transit Improvements, **for the purpose of** transportation and infrastructure safety improvements. *Estimated total funding is \$1,678,571.00, of which \$1,428,571.00 is federal (FY23 CPF) funds provided directly to grant awardee OST/Alameda – TIRZ #7, and the remainder, an estimated \$250,000.00 in non-federal funds, is expected as contingency. OST/Alameda TIRZ #7 will in turn provide this funding to the GSMD as a sub-recipient, who will conduct this project.*

Additionally, there are two (2) other projects being funded from the aforementioned CPF FY23 grant, the Midtown Redevelopment Authority (MRA) project and the OST TIRZ #7 (Tuam Street Improvements) project. HUD grantee OST/Alameda – TIRZ #7 expects to provide an estimated \$1,142,858.00 to MRA as a sub-recipient to conduct the MRA project, and will retain \$1,428,571.00 to conduct the OST TIRZ #7 project on Tuam Street. OST TIRZ #7 Tuam project is also expected to receive \$250,000.00 in federal CPF FY24 funds from University of Houston (UH). These projects, OST TIRZ #7 (Tuam) and MRA, are funded by the same FY23 CPF grant as GSMD but do not require separate public notices since they convert to exempt environmentally.

Project Location: Houston, Texas

Additional Location Details: Multiple street locations generally between 288, Brays Bayou, Beekman/railroad tracks, and 610, approximately 29 degrees 42'24.81"N, 95 degrees 20'54.79"W. Streets expected to include Shenandoah, Parkwood, Del Rio, Charleston, Tierwester, Griggs, Rio Vista, Swank, Blythewood, Laurel, Roseneath, as well as Belvedere, Marietta, Martin Luther King, Albemarle, and Nassau.

Project description: The Greater Southeast Management District (GSMD) project is a street improvement project aimed to increase safety and access for vehicles and pedestrians in the South Union neighborhood. The Greater Southeast Management District (GSMD) roadway, bus stop, and shared-use path improvements. The GSMD project includes: * Pavement rehabilitation (concrete reconstruction and asphalt overlay on existing pavement) * New signage (four-way stop) * Intersection improvements * Crosswalk improvements and advanced warning * Speed cushions * Bus stop improvements * Shared-use path improvements.

Funding Information

Grant / Project Identification Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
B-23-CP-TX-1426	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Project Funding (CPF) Grants	\$1,428,571.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded, Assisted or Insured Amount: \$1,428,571.00

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$1,678,571.00

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 Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

This notice is published on the HCD website at <https://houstontx.gov/housing/public-notices.html> as of September 11, 2025.

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. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>. All comments received by the close of business on September 18, 2025, will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Appointments for office visits to view the project description/environmental review in person are recommended to avoid any potential for delays. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

On behalf of grant recipient OST Almeda Corridors Redevelopment Authority – TIRZ #7, the City of Houston certifies to HUD that John Whitmire, 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 grant recipient OST Alameda Corridors Redevelopment Authority – TIRZ #7 to use Program funds for this designated project.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston 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 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 e-mail at cpdrrofhou@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period and may do so by email or calling (713) 718-3199.

*John Whitmire, Mayor
City of Houston*