

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

*November 5, 2025
City of Houston,
Housing and Community Development Department (HCD)
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the *City of Houston, HCD*.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 21, 2025, on behalf of grant recipient Southwest Houston Redevelopment Authority, the City of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the release of funds designated under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, (P.L. 118-42), by which Congress made available “grants for the Economic Development Initiative for the purposes of Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending.” The grants will be used for the purpose of undertaking a project known as Southwest Community Campus – Civic Core Houston.

Additionally on behalf of the City of Houston, HCD will submit a request to HUD for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383, as amended) for this project.

Project Location: 6400 High Star Dr., Houston, TX 77074

Project description: Southwest Houston Redevelopment Authority/Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 20 proposes to build out the parcel of the existing Southwest Multi-Service Center (MSC) at 6400 High Star Drive in Houston, Texas. Please note that the address of the existing MSC facility is 6400 High Star Drive, but the parcel is listed in Harris County Appraisal District records as 6440 High Star Drive. This project has received a CPF grant for construction of a new two-story structure adjacent to the existing MSC.

The Civic Core, as an overarching reimagining of the Southwest Multi-Service Center (MSC) property, features multiple elements. This application specifically focuses on the expansion of the MSC through the construction of a new, two-story facility, composed of approximately 29,000 SF for utilization by the Houston Health Department (first floor) and Houston Public Library (second floor). This new facility is expected to include public facilities for a women, infants, and children (WIC) center, a public library facility, and community gathering space. The expansion of the MSC in this manner will allow for further expansion and optimization of space within the existing facility, meeting the goals of the Houston Health Department. In addition to the new structure, the

project will include associated landscaping, greenspace, and site improvements to connect the existing structure with the new proposed structure.

The project includes a reconfiguration of the site's driveways to accommodate the improvements as well as the provision of accommodations to site a planned generator for the existing MSC. Additionally, this project will include the provision of a generator for the new structure.

The Houston Health Department (HHD) will utilize the \$5M in Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG funding towards the third-party construction contract to construct the improvements. The HUD CDBG funds will come through HCD, for use by HHD, and delivered by the Southwest Houston Redevelopment Authority through a construction contribution agreement. The funds will be further leveraged with the aforementioned HUD Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds from CPF to deliver the project, as well as a capital contribution from the Southwest Houston Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ 20). TIRZ 20 will act as the project developer and will hold and manage all project contracts (design, construction, construction management) and provide project administrative assistance. TIRZ 20 is the recipient and grantee for the referenced HUD EDI funding.

A combination of CDBG and CPF(EDI) dollars will fund this project.

Funding Information:

Grant / Project Identification Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
B-24-CP-TX-2106	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Project Funding (CPF) Grants	\$5,782,558.00
B-24-MC-48-0018	CPD	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$5,000,000.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded, Assisted or Insured Amount: \$10,782,558.00

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]: \$17,358,150.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Houston has determined that the project 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review

either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251-1562 or 2100 Travis St., 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov.

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 November 20, 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

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 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 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*