

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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On or after October 29, 2010, the City of Columbia will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

- **Renovation of the Bear Creek Community Center for a new Head Start Facility**, 1400 Elleta Boulevard; Total Cost of \$92,000, including \$77,000 of CDBG funds;
- **Replacement of Park Facilities at Again Street Park**, near corner of Pershing and Again Street; Total Cost of \$48,000, all CDBG funds.

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 the City of Columbia New City Hall Building, Department of Planning and Community Development, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, 65201 where the ERR can be examined, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M.; and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Columbia Department of Planning and Community Development. All comments received by 5:00 P.M. October 28, 2010 will be considered by the City of Columbia prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Columbia certifies to The Department of Housing and Urban Development that H. William Watkins, in his capacity as City Manager, 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 Columbia to use HUD program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Columbia'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 executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Columbia; (b) the City of Columbia 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 HUD at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Robert A. Young Federal Building, 1222 Spruce Street, Third Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

H. William Watkins, City Manager