



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

September 16, 2019

St. Johns County

Housing & Community Services; Community Development Block Grant Program

Health & Human Services Building, Suite 2300, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

This Notice shall satisfy the procedural notification requirements for a Finding of No Significant Impact and for a Request for Release of Funds, as described below.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS:

On or about October 7 2019, St. Johns County will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to request the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as Flagler Estates Park Improvements. The purpose of this project is to make physical improvements within the existing park property located at 9960 Oliver Avenue, Hastings, FL 32145. Project components are: construction of a 1,100 square-foot structure to provide a community room and restroom facilities; construction of a 750 square-foot shade structure; installation of new lighting, drinking fountains, benches, bike racks, walking trails, and a new multi-age play structure; and expanded and improved parking areas and ADA access to park amenities.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Prior to implementing the Flagler Estates Park Improvements project, St. Johns County was required to conduct an Environmental Assessment that includes Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects, according to 24 CFR Part 58. St. Johns County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is available for public review. The ERR has been posted to the County's website, and can be found at: <http://www.sjcf.us/Housing/CDBG.aspx>. The ERR is also available for viewing on the following HUD website: <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>. A paper copy of the ERR is available for public review at the Health & Human Services Building, Suite 2300, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. The ERR may be examined or copied weekdays, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR and project to the St. Johns County's Housing & Community Services Division, at the address stated above, or by emailing them to: housing@sjcf.us. The Public Comment period will be September 20 – October 6, 2019. All comments received by October 6, 2019 will be considered by St. Johns County staff prior to submitting a Request for Release of Funds to HUD.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION:

St. Johns County certifies to HUD that Michael Wanchick, in his capacity as County Administrator, 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 St. Johns County to use CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS:

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and St. Johns County'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 St. Johns County; (b) St. Johns County 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 Lisa Hill, Director, Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, 400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael Wanchick, County Administrator