

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

February 25, 2016

Howard County, Maryland  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Columbia, Maryland 21046  
(410) 313-6018

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Howard County, Maryland.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 14, 2016 Howard County, Maryland will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Single Family Housing Unit Demolition, in conjunction with the Emergency Public Facility Acquisition by Long-Term Lease. The Demolition Project will include the demolitions of a vacant single family housing unit located in Savage, Maryland, which is not sustainable on the Emergency Public Facilities Project site. The purpose of this program is to demolish the single family unit, which was determined to be functionally obsolescent and would require significant capital to renovate and support additional housing on the Public facility site. The project is estimated to be \$30,000.00. The project is located in Savage, Maryland, but the exact location has been suppressed due to the sensitive nature of the program.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Howard County, Maryland 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) on file at Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Columbia, Maryland 21046 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development, Attention Marcus Ervin, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Columbia, MD 21046. All comments received by Friday, March 11, 2016 will be considered by Howard County, Maryland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

Howard County, Maryland certifies to HUD that Allan H. Kittleman in his capacity as County Executive 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 Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Howard County, Maryland'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 Howard County, Maryland; (b) Howard 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 Charles Halm, CPD Director, HUD Baltimore Field Office at 10 S. Howard Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201. Potential objectors should contact HUD at 410-209-6546 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive*