

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

Date of Notice: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
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These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Neighborhood Services Department, City of Phoenix.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the City of Phoenix (City) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following project.

The project is called the Alwun House Multi-Use Parking Project (also known as Green Art Park) and is planned to occur on a vacant parcel owned by the Alwun House Foundation and located at 1209 East Diamond Street (APN: 116-23-148B), Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. The project will be operated by the owners of the Alwun House, located at 1204 East Roosevelt Street, but no activity will occur on the Alwun House facility parcel.

The project involves the conversion of the 15,200 square foot vacant parcel into a parking lot/multi-use event area for the Alwun House. The project is expected to include the following installation activities:

- (im)pervious concrete pavement (1,160 square yards)
- block wall (255 linear feet)
- curb (640 linear feet)
- gutter (150 linear feet)
- sidewalk areas (96 square feet)
- paver areas
- site lighting
- decomposed granite (4,500 square feet)
- concrete masonry unit column at north entrance with attached chain for restricting access
- walled/gated garbage/recycling area/concrete pad
- handicap parking signs
- site use signs – fence installed
- bicycle racks
- water irrigation supply infrastructure
- landscape irrigation
- landscaping to include trees and shrubs
- 300 square foot concrete pad for future installation of a small corner shed
- two concrete masonry unit columns at west entrance with attached chain for restricting access

The project will create 29 parking spaces (including two handicapped) on the property and involves removal and installation of two driveways, utility upgrading, planting of 20 mature trees and 176 shrubs/vines/plants, installation of associated screen fencing, and installation of a water retention basin per City code.

All activities will be in accordance with Phoenix building, zoning, and development codes as approved by the Planning and Development Department. The planned activities are proposed in accordance with the City of Phoenix General Plan and the City's 7/2015 – 6/2020 Consolidated Plan.

US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and other funding sources have been designated for the project. The cost for the project is estimated at approximately \$200,000 and is expected to use \$100,000 CDBG funds from the 2015/2016 HUD Federal fiscal funding year. The project may also involve Federal funds from future Federal funding years.

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City 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 the above address and may be examined and copied between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Neighborhood Services Department, Administrative Services Division. Mr. Andre D. Best, NSD Environmental Quality Specialist, can be contacted at (602) 262-7319 to answer any questions regarding the project details.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Neighborhood Services Department. All comments received no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City certifies to HUD that Spencer Self, in his official capacity as Director, Neighborhood Services Department, 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 to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to the City's Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the submission date specified above or the actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on the following bases:

(a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City; (b) the City 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; (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: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, One North Central, Suite 600, Phoenix, Arizona, 85004-4414. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Spencer Self, Director  
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Asistencia en español: Esta información es disponible en un formato alternativo al solicitarlo llamando al Departamento de Servicios a los Vecindarios, 602.262.7344/voz, 602.534.1555/fax, 602.495.0685/para personas con discapacidades o correo electrónico: [nsd@phoenix.gov](mailto:nsd@phoenix.gov).