

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

August 31, 2011  
City of Springfield Illinois  
800 East Monroe, Room 300  
Springfield, IL. 62701  
217-789-2200

These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Springfield.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 16, 2011 the City of Springfield will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) for the release of FFY 2011 CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in the amount of \$1,163,012 including the carry over amount of \$978,675 for the FFY 2010 program year and FFY 2011 HOME funds in the amount of \$541,171 under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, including the carry over amount of \$560,750 for the FFY 2010 program year, to undertake the project known as City of Springfield's FFY 2011 Action Plan, for the purpose of Neighborhood revitalization comprised of the following activities: Acquisition of Real Property, Disposition, Public Facilities and Improvements, Clearance and Demolition, Code Enforcement, Public Services, Relocation Assistance, Single-family and Multifamily Owner-occupied and Rental Housing Rehabilitation, Removal of Architectural Barriers, Construction of Housing, Historic Preservation, Direct Financial and Other Economic Development Assistance to Private For-profit Businesses, Microenterprise Assistance and Direct Homeownership Assistance.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Springfield 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 (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file for public examination and copying, upon request, at the Office of Planning & Economic Development, 800 East Monroe Ave, Suite 108, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on regular business days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Office of Planning & Economic Development, 800 E. Monroe Suite 108, Springfield, IL 62701 . All comments received by September 15, 2011 will be considered by the City of Springfield prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Springfield certifies to HUD that J. Michael Houston 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 acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the City of Springfield to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Springfield'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 it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Springfield; (b) the (RE) 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 has incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to U. S. Department of HUD, Community Planning & Development Division, Attn: Ray E. Willis, Director, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2401, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

J. Michael Houston: Mayor