

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE'S 2010/2011 AND 2011/2012 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLANS AND NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 1 AND 3 ACTION PLANS AND  
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 3553 LOU ELLA LANE AND 3552-3558 LOU ELLA LANE**

**May 1, 2012:** City of Riverside  
3900 Main Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Riverside, CA 92522  
(951) 826-5649

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited procedural notification requirements. The public comment period is from May 1, 2012 through June 2, 2012.

**PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS**

Notice is hereby given for a public comment period to consider substantially amending the following City HUD Plan.

- 2010/2011 HUD Annual Action Plan (Adopted: April 13, 2010)
- 2011/2012 HUD Annual Action Plan (Adopted: May 3, 2011)
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 Plan (Adopted: February 22, 2011)

As a designated entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Riverside annually receives federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) programs to assist in the development of viable communities. In addition, the City of Riverside was awarded Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP 3) funds under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Act (HR 4173) to acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed, abandoned residential properties.

In accordance with Federal Regulation 24 CFR 91.105, the City of Riverside's Citizen Participation Plan requires the City to notify and provide its citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input on proposed changes to an approved plan. This notice serves this purpose and allows the City to comply with federal regulations. The proposed substantial amendments to the aforementioned plans will allow the City to fund the following activities:

- 3553 Lou Ella Lane: Acquisition of a 28 unit apartment complex for affordable housing.
- 3552 Lou Ella Lane: Acquisition of a 16 unit apartment complex for affordable housing.
- Funding sources:
  - HOME funding: up to \$1.7 million
  - NSP 3 funding: up to \$366,582

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about May 17, 2012, the City of Riverside will submit a request to HUD for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake the projects known as the Acquisition of the Lou Ella Apartments, for the purpose of creating affordable rental units.

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Riverside 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. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Records (ERR) on file at the City of Riverside Development Department, 3900 Main Street, Fifth Floor, Riverside, CA 92522 (951) 826-5649, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with the Finding of No Significant Impact determination or wishing to comment on the projects, substantial amendment, or ERRs may submit written comments to the City of Riverside Development Department, 3900 Main Street, Fifth Floor, Riverside, CA 92522, Attention: Michelle Davis, Housing Project Manager. All comments received by **May 16, 2012**, will be considered by the City of Riverside prior to authorizing submission of two requests for release of funds to HUD. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice and project they are addressing.

## **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Riverside certifies to HUD that Emilio Ramirez, in his capacity as the Development Director, 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 Riverside to use federal program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Riverside'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 certifications were not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Riverside approved by HUD; (b) the City of Riverside 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 projects have committed funds or 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 projects are 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 HUD (Attn: Environmental

Officer), Los Angeles Field Office at 611 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017 or by fax 213-894-8122. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

CERTIFYING OFFICER: Emilio Ramirez  
Development Director