



City of Jacksonville, Florida

Lenny Curry, Mayor

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Jacksonville's Voluntary Home Buyout Program.

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

On or about **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**, the City of Jacksonville will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Voluntary Home Buyout Program for the purpose of purchasing residential properties located in the floodplain that were damaged by Hurricane Irma from willing homeowners. This program will be funded by a CDBG-DR grant from DEO.

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$ 5,000,000.00

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$ 5,000,000.00

This project is not exempt or categorically excluded under Secs. 58.34 and 58.35, therefore the responsible entity must prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with subpart E (24 CFR 58.40, 58.43, 58.45) of this part. The EA that documents the environmental determinations for this project will be available for review:

Online at: <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/housing-and-community-development/community-development-block-grant-disaster-recov>

and

In person at: The Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street, 7th Floor, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Jacksonville 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the EA to Chiquita Moore, Neighborhoods Director of Operations, 214 N. Hogan Street, 7th Floor, Jacksonville, FL 32202, or by email: HCDDComments@coj.net. All comments received by **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**, will be considered by the City of Jacksonville prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Jacksonville certifies to HUD that Lenny Curry, 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 Assessment 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 Jacksonville's use of Program funds.

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OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DEO will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Jacksonville'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 the City of Jacksonville; (b) the City of Jacksonville 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 the State of Florida; 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 the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity at 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Potential objectors should contact the State of Florida to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Lenny Curry, City of Jacksonville Certifying Officer

