

E-P.6 - NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROJECTS USING RER/APPENDIX A TIERED REVIEW PROTOCOL

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Gila County Board of Supervisors

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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 3, 2014 the Gila County will authorize Gila County Housing Services to submit a request to the Arizona Department of Housing for the release of CDBG SSP, CDBG RA, HOME/SHF, and HTF funds under Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation, for the purpose of: **Conducting an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program for numerous projects with approximately \$2,061,000 in CDBG RA, CDBG SSP, and HOME/State Housing program funds.**

During the period January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016 approximately \$2,061,000 (\$336,000 in FY 13-16 CDBG RA funds, \$900,000 in FY 13-16 CDBG SSP funds, and \$825,000 in FY 13-16 HOME/HTF/SHF funds) will be used by Gila County Housing Services to rehabilitate approximately 45 homes/units. The area of consideration for this program is: all project locations will be within Gila County boundaries, with the exception of floodplains and Indian Reservations.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Gila County Community Services Division - 5515 S. Apache Ave., Suite 200, Globe, Arizona 85501 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. Gila County will use the Appendix A format to supplement this ERR with additional site-specific reviews further addressing Historic Preservation, Explosive and Flammable Operations, Airport Clear Zones, Flood Insurance, Toxic Substances and Hazardous Materials prior to approving any loan or grant under these programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Gila County Community Services Division, Malissa Buzan, Director, at 5515 S. Apache Ave., Suite 200, Globe, Arizona 85501. All comments received by April 2, 2014 will be considered by the Gila County Board of Supervisors prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Gila County Board of Supervisors certifies to Arizona Department of Housing that Michael A. Pastor in his capacity as Chairman of the Gila County Board of Supervisors 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. Arizona Department of Housing's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Gila County Housing Services to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Arizona Department of Housing will consider objections to its release of funds and the Gila County Board of Supervisors certification received by April 18, 2014 or for a period of fifteen days following 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 Gila County Board of Supervisors ;(b) the Gila County Board of Supervisors 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by Arizona Department of Housing; 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 Arizona Department of Housing at 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 310, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Potential objectors should contact the Arizona Department of Housing to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Signature of RE Certifying Officer

Michael A. Pastor, Chairman, Gila County Board of Supervisors