

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 10, 2026

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Housing and Community Development Department (HCD)
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Houston, TX 77002
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On or about *July 20, 2026*, the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of *Community Project Fund (CPF)* funds designated under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, (P.L. 118-42), *as amended*, by which Congress made available "grants for the Economic Development Initiative for the purposes of Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending."

The grant, which is administered by HUD, will be used for the purpose of undertaking a project known as Metropolitan MSC, for the purpose of renovation and repairs. *Estimated total funding is \$1,000,000.00, of which all is federal (FY24 CPF).*

Project Location: 1475 W. Gray St, Houston, TX 77019

Project description: The City of Houston Metropolitan Multiservice Center for People with Disabilities opened in 1982, providing a 36,000-square-foot facility located on 6 acres of land. Grant funds will support an upgrade of the primary restroom, shower, and locker room facilities within the Center to improve facility access and offer people with disabilities an improved experience. Activities will include demolition and or removal of existing interior structures like walls or furniture.

The City of Houston Metropolitan Multi Service Center's renovation project focuses on updating restrooms and locker rooms for better accessibility and functionality while also replacing damaged below-slab plumbing lines. The project aims to complete all construction within one demo/renovation phase by limiting building access into the construction areas. The overall scope is comprised of a full demo and renovation of restrooms, locker rooms, and changing rooms.

The restroom renovations include demo and replacement of plumbing fixtures, concrete slab, millwork, interior finishes, and partitions. The locker room and changing room scope is comprised of the full demo of each space to be replaced with new layouts, updated and enlarged shower areas, new lighting and plumbing fixtures, mechanical work, floor drains, lockers, interior finishes, partitions, and new changing spaces. Adjacent areas receiving renovation include the hallway servicing the restrooms and locker rooms to replace below-slab sanitary lines while also adding a new hydration station with multiple drinking fountains and bottle fillers.

New interior finishes and lighting updates the hallway area. The adjacent staff room removes millwork and MEP items; receives new finishes and provides a new interior access door to the pool's changing room corridor. Required mechanical scope servicing the spaces listed above is included. Fire protection items including sprinkler heads, lines, alarms, and strobes shall be adjusted within the renovation scope as needed to tie into the facility's existing system.

Budget information: CPF (B-24-CP-TX-2101) = \$1,000,000.00 (Renovations = \$850,000.00 and Administration = \$150,000.00); Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund (4035) = \$974,917.00. Total Funding = \$1,974,917.00

The activities proposed *are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements*. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 and may be examined or copied on weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>. All comments received by the close of business on July 17 will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Appointments for office visits to view the project description/environmental review in person are recommended to avoid any potential for delays. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Houston certifies to HUD that John Whitmire, 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 approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows grant recipient to use Program funds for this designated project.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston 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 Houston; (b) the City of Houston 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; 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77010 or e-mail at cpdrrofhou@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact

HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period and may do so by email or calling (713) 718-3199.

*John Whitmire, Mayor
City of Houston*