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Lee Harris
Mayor

September 17, 2019

Renee Ryles, Acting CPD Director
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Knoxville Field Office
710 Locust Street S.W. Room 314
Knoxville, TN 37902

RE: Request for Release of Funds

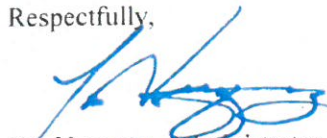
Dear Ms. Ryles,

Attached is HUD Form 7015.15 Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification for the National Disaster Resilience (NDR) Grant's Wolf River Greenway Project. The Release covers the release of funds related to the Wolf River Wetland Restoration and Greenway Project under CDBG-NDR B-13-US-47-0002. Also attached are copies of the Combined FONSI/RROF which ran in the Tri-State Defender (8/22/2019), the Memphis Flyer (8/22/2019), the Daily News (8/23/2019), and LaPrensa Latina (8/25/2019) announcing that comments would be accepted through September 12, 2019.

The Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58 and the necessary public notifications have been completed and are on file in Shelby County at the Office of Resilience and the Department of Roads and Bridges as of the date of this letter. I am therefore requesting HUD's Release of Funds for the Wolf River Wetland Restoration and Greenway Project which was funded under the CDBG-NDR Grant B-13-US-47-002 through the National Disaster Resilience Completion.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 901-636-7170. As always, thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,



Jim Vazquez, Administrator
Office of Resilience

CC: Telly O'Neil, Knoxville CPD
Erik Hoglund, Knoxville CPD

Attachments

Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning
and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087
(exp. 03/31/2020)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

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| 1. Program Title(s) National Disaster Resilience Grant (NDR) | 2. HUD/State Identification Number B-13-US-47-0002 | 3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) |
| 4. OMB Catalog Number(s) CFDA # 14.272 | 5. Name and address of responsible entity Shelby County Government 160 North Main Street, 11th Floor Memphis, TN 38103 | |
| 6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) <small>Jim Vazquez, Administrator, 901-636-7170 or Tom Fletcher, Environmental Officer, 901-222-7608</small> | | |
| 8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request <small>Mary C. Wilson, Director U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Knoxville Field Office 710 Locust Street SW, Room 314 Knoxville, TN 37902-2526</small> | 7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) | |

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

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| 9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Wolf River Wetland Restoration and Greenway Project | 10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Rodney Baber Park – 2215 James Road, Memphis, TN John F. Kennedy Park – 4577 Raleigh-Lagrange Road, Memphis, TN Orchi Road – From Jackson Avenue to Highland Street, Memphis, TN |
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

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Estimated Funding & Sources: \$7,319,165.00 Million U.S. Department of HUD National Disaster Resilience Grant Funds
\$2,500,000.00 Million City of Memphis

Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

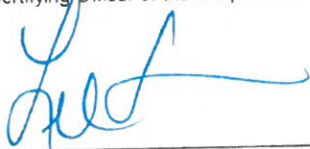
With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did ☐ did not ☒ require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity



Title of Certifying Officer

Lee Harris, Shelby County Mayor

Date signed

9/16/2019

X

Address of Certifying Officer

Shelby County Government, Lee Harris, Mayor, 160 North Main, 11th Floor, Memphis, Tennessee, 38103

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

Title of Authorized Officer

Date signed

X

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Public Notices

Combined Public Notice

[1] Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment; and [2] Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

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Estimated Funding Sources:

Funding Source: U.S. Department of HUD National Disaster Resilience Grant Funds

Estimated Funding: \$7.3 Million

Funding Source: City of Memphis

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[1] Finding of No Significant Impact [FONSI] on the Environment

It has been determined that the proposed project will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, Shelby County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended ((P.L. 91-1 190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, January 1, 1970, as amended by Pub. L. 94-52, July 3, 1975, Pub. L. 94-83, August 9, 1975, and Pub. L. 97-258, § 4(b), Sept. 13, 1982).

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Lee Harris
Mayor, Shelby County
Aug. 23, 2019 Mod71041

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| HUD will accept objections to its approval of the release of funds and Shelby County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or the actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Certifying Officer; (b) that applicant's Environmental Review Record for the project indicated omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process 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 address specifically the RRDF separately from the FONSI comments and these comments must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to the U.S. Department of HUD, Office of Community Planning and Development, Knoxville Field Office, John J. Duncan Federal Building, 710 Locust Street S.W., Suite 500, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-2526. | |
| Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. Potential objections should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. | |
| Lee Harris, Mayor, Shelby County | |

Notificación Pública Combinada
[1] Notificación de Hallazgo de Impacto No Significativo sobre el Medio Ambiente; y
[2] Notificación de Intención de Solicitar una Liberación de Fondos

Alrededor del 12 de septiembre del 2019, el Gobierno del Condado de Shelby presentará una solicitud al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE.UU. (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – HUD, por sus siglas en inglés) para la liberación de fondos nacionales de Resiliencia ante Desastres bajo el Título 1 de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1984 P.L. 93-383 y poder así emprender un proyecto conocido como “Wolf River Wetland & Restoration Greenway”: Construcción dentro de la Cuenca (Basin) de Wolf River en Rodney Baber Park, Kennedy Park y a lo largo de Orch Road, incluyendo los costos asociados de adquisición y construcción para completar el proyecto como se describe a continuación.

Naturaleza/Álance del proyecto:

El Gobierno del Condado de Shelby está proponiendo una serie de elementos de proyecto de infraestructura y espacio abierto que ayudarán a que el área metropolitana de Memphis sea más resistente en futuras situaciones de desastres e inundaciones. La actividad del “Wolf River Wetland Restoration and Greenway” abarca mejoras en tres lugares distintos: Rodney Baber Park, John F. Kennedy Park y Orch Road, entre Highland Street y Jackson Avenue.

Descripciones de la ubicación del proyecto: (Proporcionar las ubicaciones de cada área donde se realizará el trabajo).

Rodney Baber Park:

El Rodney Baber Park está ubicado directamente al sur de James Road, a media milla al oeste de Hollywood y limita con McLean en el oeste y la carretera interestatal 40 en el sur. El plan conceptual propuesto para el Rodney Baber Park constará de hasta cuatro (4) campos de fútbol (soccer), un (1) diamante de béisbol, un (1) lago de pesca, un gran terreno con pabellón para mercado/festivales y ferias, senderos de usos múltiples, un (1) humedal propuesto con paseo marítimo, la preservación de humedales existentes, un patio de recreo infantil (playground) y una estructura de sombra, y estacionamiento para las instalaciones mencionadas anteriormente. Se anticipa que esta actividad sea completada en dos fases de construcción. El sitio será terraplenado y vinculado con los grados existentes y el derecho de acceso a la propiedad identificado de T.V.A. Aproximadamente 19 acres se elevarán por encima de la llanura de inundación y se requerirán aproximadamente 275,000 yardas cúbicas de relleno neto. La clasificación del sitio hasta la elevación de inundación de 100 años será equilibrada. El sitio será clasificado para coincidir con la elevación existente en el derecho de acceso de T.V.A. de 250 pies de ancho a lo largo de la porción sur de la propiedad. Debido al aumento de las elevaciones en el Rodney Baber Park, se requerirá una mitigación de aguas pluviales 1:1 para compensar el relleno adicional en el sitio en la llanura de inundación existente. La mayoría del material de relleno requerido para cumplir con los requisitos de mitigación se tomará del humedal y del lago de pesca propuestos en el Rodney Baber Park y también del John F. Kennedy Park.

Kennedy Park:

El John F. Kennedy Park (Kennedy Park) está ubicado al sur de Raleigh-Lagrange Road y al noreste de la Interestatal 40 en un terreno que es propiedad de la Ciudad de Memphis. La propiedad tiene aproximadamente 260 acres, pero el sitio de la actividad sólo alterará aproximadamente 32.2 acres. El concepto para el Kennedy Park incluye reemplazar cinco diamantes existentes de béisbol/softbol con aproximadamente cuatro campos de fútbol (soccer), un sendero pavimentado que, además de incorporar aproximadamente 54,000 pies cuadrados de senderos para bicicletas/peatones propuestos en todo el parque para hacer conexiones con el Wolf River Greenway, conecta también al parque con el Greenprint de Midsouth en dos lugares. Algunos de los campos de fútbol serán recalificados para servir como detención durante los eventos de tormentas intensas. La clasificación del sitio resultará en una excavación neta de aproximadamente 155,000 yardas cúbicas desde la llanura de inundación. El material excavado será transportado y utilizado como relleno en el Rodney Baber Park. Se crearán dos (2) nuevos humedales al sur de los campos de fútbol propuestos. Se anticipa que las mejoras propuestas al Parque Kennedy sean completadas en dos fases de construcción.

Orch Road:

Orch Road se encuentra al este de Highland Street, al norte de Chelsea Avenue y al oeste de Jackson Avenue. Orch Road se reconstruirá como una calle completa con instalaciones para bicicletas a lo largo del lado norte de la carretera, proporcionando así una conexión directa desde los vecindarios de bajos a moderados ingresos (LMI) a los vecindarios de Wolf River Greenway. Las aceras y los árboles de la calle se incorporarán a cada lado de Orch Road para el acceso peatonal.

Fuentes estimadas de financiamiento:

Fuente de financiamiento: Fondos de la Subvención de Resiliencia Nacional Ante Desastres del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos
Financiamiento estimado: \$7.3 millones

Fuente de financiamiento: Ciudad de Memphis
Financiamiento estimado: \$1.5 millones

[1] Hallazgo de Impacto No Significativo (FONSI) en el Medio Ambiente

Se ha determinado que el proyecto propuesto no constituirá una acción que afecte significativamente la calidad del medio ambiente humano y, en consecuencia, el Condado de Shelby ha decidido no preparar una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental bajo la Ley enmendada de Política Ambiental Nacional de 1969 (PL 91 - 1 190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, el 1 de enero de 1970, según fue enmendada por Pub. L. 94-52, el 3 de julio de 1975, Pub. L. 94-83, el 9 de agosto de 1975, y Pub. L. 97-258, § 4 (b), el 13 de septiembre de 1982).

El Condado de Shelby ha puesto a disposición los Registros de Revisión Ambiental sobre el proyecto propuesto que documentan la revisión ambiental del proyecto y exponen de manera más completa las razones por las cuales no se requiere dicha declaración. Los Registros de Revisión Ambiental están archivados y disponibles para la evaluación pública y copiado por medio de una solicitud previa en el Departamento de Carreteras y Puentes del Condado de Shelby (Shelby County Department of Roads and Bridges), ubicado en el 6449 Haley Road, Memphis, TN 38134, entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 3:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes. No se propone realizar más revisiones ambientales de este proyecto antes de la solicitud de liberación de fondos federales. Todas las agencias, grupos y personas interesadas que no estén de acuerdo con esta decisión están invitados a enviar comentarios por escrito para su consideración al Departamento de Carreteras y Puentes del Condado de Shelby. Los comentarios no pueden ser enviados por fax. Dichos comentarios por escrito deben especificar que los mismos deben ser considerados para el FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) y deben ser recibidos por el Departamento de Carreteras y Puentes del Condado de Shelby, en el 6449 Haley Road, Memphis, TN 38134 el 12 de septiembre del 2019 o antes. Todos los comentarios recibidos serán tomados en consideración y el Condado no solicitará la liberación de fondos federales ni tomará ninguna acción administrativa sobre el proyecto propuesto antes del 12 de septiembre del 2019.

[2] Aviso de Intención de Solicitar la Liberación de Fondos [NOI / RROF]

Al menos un día después de la finalización del periodo de comentarios públicos para el FONSI, pero no antes de que dichos comentarios sobre el FONSI hayan sido considerados y resueltos, el Condado de Shelby presentará una Solicitud de Liberación de Fondos [RROF] y Certificación al HUD. Al hacerlo, el Condado solicitará al HUD que le permita comprometer fondos para el proyecto, certificando que: [1] Ha realizado la revisión ambiental prescrita por las regulaciones del HUD [“Procedimientos de Revisión Ambiental para el Programa de Subvención de Community Development, Título 1” - 24 C.F.R. Parte 58]; y [2] Shelby County y Lee Harris, en su calidad oficial como alcalde, dan su consentimiento para aceptar la jurisdicción de los tribunales federales si se presenta una acción para hacer cumplir las responsabilidades en relación con la revisión ambiental o la toma de decisiones y acciones resultantes. El efecto legal de la certificación es que, al ser aprobada, el HUD habrá cumplido con sus responsabilidades en virtud de la Ley Nacional del Medio Ambiente, lo que permitirá al Condado comprometer fondos de la Subvención de Desarrollo Comunitario para el proyecto.

El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE.UU. (HUD) aceptará objeciones a su aprobación para la liberación de fondos y la certificación del Condado de Shelby por un periodo de quince días después de la fecha de presentación anticipada o a la fecha de recepción real de la solicitud (la que sea posterior) sólo si están en una de las siguientes bases: [a] La certificación no fue ejecutada por el Oficial de Certificación; [b] El Registro de Revisión Ambiental del solicitante para el proyecto indicaba la omisión de una decisión, hallazgo o paso requerido para el proyecto en el proceso de revisión ambiental requerido por las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR, Parte 58; [c] El beneficiario de la subvención u otros participantes en el proceso de desarrollo han comprometido fondos, incurrido en costos o emprendieron actividades no autorizadas por el 24 CFR, Parte 58, antes de la aprobación de una liberación de fondos por HUD; o [d] Otro organismo federal que actúa de conformidad con el 40 CFR Parte 1504 ha presentado una constatación escrita de que el proyecto es insatisfactorio desde el punto de vista de la calidad ambiental. Las objeciones deben abordar específicamente el RROF por separado de los comentarios de FONSI, y estos comentarios deben prepararse y presentarse de acuerdo con el procedimiento requerido [24 CFR Parte 58] y pueden dirigirse al Departamento de HUD de los EE.UU., en la Oficina de Planificación y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Oficina de Campo en Knoxville, en el Edificio Federal John J. Duncan, ubicado en el 710 Locust Street SW, Suite 300, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-2526 (U.S. Department of HUD, Office of Community Planning and Development, Knoxville Field Office, John J. Duncan Federal Building, 710 Locust Street S.W., Suite 300, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-2526).

HUD no considerará las objeciones a la liberación de fondos en bases diferentes a las mencionadas anteriormente. Los posibles objetores deben comunicarse con HUD para verificar el último día real del periodo de objeción.

Lee Harris
Alcalde, Condado de Shelby

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Subject: Wolf River Wetland Restoration and Greenway Project
Attachments: Request for Release of Funds_Wolf River Project_Shelby County, TN.pdf

Ms. Ryles,

Please see the attached Request for Release of Funds for the Wolf River Wetland Restoration and Green way Project under out NDR Grant. We look forward to being able to begin this project under the NDR grant once we receive your signed release of funds. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me. As always, thank you and everyone in Knoxville for their assistance in moving the project forward.

An original hardcopy of the attached request has been placed in the mail today.

Jim

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