

**Public Notice
Seminole County
Community Services Department**

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND
NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF)**

October 29, 2017

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Community Development Division
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Community Services Department, Community Development Division.

Public Notice is hereby given for implementation of the County Environmental Assessment, which was originally approved on October 21, 1987 and revised on September 19, 1993 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

On or about November 14, 2017 the Seminole County Community Services Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) funds to undertake projects described below.

Proposed eligible activities covered by the FONSI & NOI/RROF for fiscal year 2017-2018:

1. Countywide CDBG Program capital improvements for the replacement and installation of equipment, renovation, installation and rehabilitation of existing drainage, water, sewer connection, development/rehabilitation of private and public facilities, parks, and/or housing where applicable.
 - a. Midway Water Improvements: Construction Phase II
 - b. Immediate Needs
 - c. Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction
 - d. Acquisition/Rehabilitation of two Public Facilities
 - e. Planning and Administration
 - f. Public Services: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE only. No Construction Activities. Administration of Child Care Assistance, Dental Assistance, Mental Health Services, Adult Supportive Services, and Homeless Services. Services will be provided to lower income persons on a county-wide basis
2. Countywide HOME Program related activities; for the delivery of safe, sanitary and decent housing units to very low and low income eligible residents: Provide affordable rental housing opportunities, as well as Purchase Assistance.
 - a. Housing Rehabilitation: Homeowner Rehabilitation
 - b. Affordable Housing Rehabilitation and Construction for Resale
 - c. Affordable Housing: Construction or Rehabilitation – CHDO
 - d. Affordable Housing Development for Rental
 - e. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
 - f. Purchase Assistance

- g. Planning and Administration
- 3. Countywide ESG Program: Financial Assistance only. No construction activities. Homelessness prevention activities and homeless shelter assistance. These activities are involved in the delivery of emergency, transitional and/or permanent shelter, outreach, and homelessness prevention activities.
 - a. Rapid Re-housing of Homeless Families
 - b. Rescue Outreach Mission: Homeless Shelter Operating
 - c. SafeHouse: Homeless Shelter Operating
 - d. Recovery House: Homeless Shelter Operating

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

Seminole County Government has determined that the above listed activities have no significant impact on the human environment. Accordingly, Seminole County will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

The above mentioned Environmental Review Records (ERR's) are on file and are available for public examination. Copies may be obtained via written request to Seminole County Community Development Division, 534 W. Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford, Florida 32773, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on County observed holidays.

During fiscal year 2017-2018, environmental reviews will be completed for activities with unspecified sites such as, but not limited to, housing related activities, activities having an emergency need and/or activities having any alteration of existing environmental conditions, or creation of a new set of environmental conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Seminole County Community Services Department, Community Development Division: 534 W. Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford, Florida 32773. Such written comments must be received at the above address within fifteen (15) days of the date of publication of this Public Notice. All comments received will receive a written response. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Community Development Office certifies to HUD that Ms. Nicole Guillet, in her capacity as County Manager, 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 acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the Seminole County Community Services Department, Community Development Division to use applicable Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Seminole County Community Services Department certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: **(a)** the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Community Services Department; **(b)** the Community Services Department 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 has 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 project(s) 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 HUD, Office of Community Planning and Development, 400 West Bay Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT ADA COORDINATOR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AT (407) 665-7940. FOR HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS, THE FLORIDA RELAY NUMBER IS 1-800-955-8771.