**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Insert Date of Publication

Name of Responsible Entity *(local government)*

Address *(Street or P.O. Box)*

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone Number

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about (i*nsert date - at least one day after the end of the comment period)* the

(*insert name of local government)* will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project to *(insert purpose of the project, activities to be conducted, nature/scope of project, estimated funding include non-HUD funding sources and locations).*

The *(insert name of local government)* has determined that the activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requirements. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at *(insert name and address of local government office where ERR can be examined).*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record (ERR) to *(insert name and title of person at the local government office designated to respond to comments)*. Additional project information is contained in the ERR on file at *(insert name and address of local government office where ERR can be examined)* and may be examined or copied weekdays *\_\_\_A.M to \_\_\_P.M.* All comments must be received by (*specify date by which comments must be received - within 7 days following the publication date of this notice; 10 days if posted)*. Comments will be considered prior to the *(insert name of local government)* requesting a release of funds.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The *(insert name of the local government)* certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that *(insert name of certifying officer)* in his/her capacity as *(insert official title)* 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. The State’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the *(insert name of local government)* to use the CDBG funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

DEO will accept objections to its release of fund and the *(insert name of local government)* 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 *(name of the local government)*; (b) the *(name of the local government)* 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 committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; 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 Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG Program, MSC-400

107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the *(name of the local government)* verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Name and Title of Local Government’s Certifying Officer

***(Following the publication of this notice, wait at least 7******days (10 days for posting) before submitting the Request for Release of Funds to the Department of Economic Opportunity as this is the public comment period.)***