

COMBINED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI-NOI/RROF)
To all Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

August 14, 2009

City of Michigan City
100 Michigan Blvd.
Michigan City, IN 46360
(219) 873-1419

This combined notice is intended to satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Michigan City:

1. 24 CFR 58.43 Notice Requirements for a finding of No Significant Impact,
2. 24CFR 58.70 Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 31st, 2009 the City of Michigan City will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds to undertake a project known as the CDBG-R Michigan City Neighborhood Centers' Rehabilitation Project for the purpose of rehabbing the Smrt Center, located at 301 Grant Avenue, and the Wise Center, located at 1702 E. Michigan Boulevard. The total cost of these projects is \$193,547.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that these projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City of Michigan City, Planning and Inspection Department 100 Michigan Blvd. Michigan City, IN 46360, and may be examined or copied weekdays, Monday through Friday, from 8:15 AM to 4:15 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Michigan City, Planning and Inspection Department, Attention: CDBG, 100 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, IN 46360. All comments received by 4:15 P.M. on August 30th, 2009 will be considered by the City of Michigan City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Michigan City is certifying to HUD that the Mayor, Charles Oberlie, in his official capacity as the certifying officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Michigan City and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and related laws and authorities, and the project may proceed.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Michigan City, HUD will accept an objection to its approval of this undertaking and 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 in fact executed by the certifying officer; (b) that the City of Michigan City 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 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) and shall be addressed to HUD at: Office of Community Planning and Development, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Indianapolis Office, 151 North Delaware Street, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2526. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Charles Oberlie, Mayor
City of Michigan City

