



NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

December 4, 2019

Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority
Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program

St. Croix Office:

100 Lagoon Complex
Suite 4
Frederiksted, VI 00840

St. Thomas Office:

3438 Kronprindsens Gade
GERS Complex, 1st Floor
St. Thomas, VI 00802

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program (VIHFA CDBG-DR).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 19, 2019 the VIHFA CDBG-DR Program will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, (PL93-383), to undertake a project known as the Homeowner Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Program for the purpose of assisting eligible homeowners whose primary residence were damaged by Hurricanes Irma and/or Maria. This Program is designed to create a habitable living environment for homeowners whose primary residence were fully destroyed, or sustained substantial, major or severe damage.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The VIHFA CDBG-DR Program has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 3438 Kronprindsens Gade, GERS Complex, 1st Floor, St. Thomas VI 00802 or 100 Lagoon Complex, Suite 4, Frederiksted, VI 00840, between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the VIHFA CDBG-DR Program at 3438 Kronprindsens Gade, GERS Complex, 1st Floor, St. Thomas VI 00802, Attention Mrs. Antoinette Fleming, Director of the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program no later than 5:00pm on December 19, 2019. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to environmental@vihfa.gov by the aforementioned date. All comments received by December 19,

2019 will be considered by the VIHFA CDBG-DR Program prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

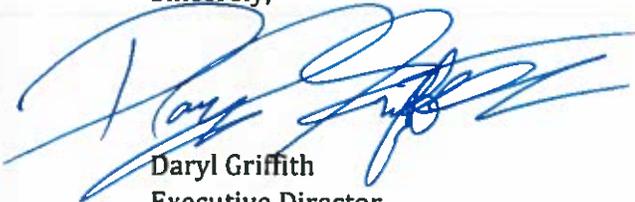
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The VIHFA CDBG-DR Program certifies to HUD that Mr. Daryl Griffith in his capacity as the Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority 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 the VIHFA CDBG-DR Program to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the VIHFA CDBG-DR's 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 VIHFA CDBG-DR Program; (b) the VIHFA CDBG-DR Program 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 at 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sincerely,



Daryl Griffith
Executive Director
Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority