



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



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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS:

On or about December 1, 2009, the City of New Orleans will submit a request to Louisiana State Office of Community Development (LOCD) for the release of funds under the FY 2006 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, in accordance with the "Notice of Funding Availability" published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2006, for the purpose of construction of the Reinventing the Crescent – Downriver Park within New Orleans; which will included passive and active recreation space, lookout piers, wharf renovation, and several amenities along the Mississippi River waterfront between St. Philip and Mazant Streets. The total amount requested for these activities is \$30 million to eliminate an urgent need, as a result of effects from Hurricane Katrina. Grant Number B-06-DG-22-0001.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of New Orleans 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 Mayor's Office at the City of New Orleans, Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000, New Orleans, LA 70112, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you need to contact the mayor's office by phone, please call 504/658-8420.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination, or wishing to comment on the program may submit written comments to this office. All comments received by November 30, 2009, will be considered by this office prior to the authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS:

This Office certifies to LOCD that C. Ray Nagin, in his capacity as Mayor for the City of New Orleans, 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. LOCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of New Orleans to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS:

LOCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the LOCD's certification received by December 16, 2009 or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the City of New Orleans approved by LOCD; (b) the City of New Orleans 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by LOCD; 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:

Thomas Brennan
Deputy Executive Director
Louisiana Division of Administration
Office of Community Development ("LOCD")
150 Third Street, 6th Floor
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

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

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