

Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning and Development

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This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) Housing Choice Voucher (PBV)	2. HUD/State Identification Number 16-1-014	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) N/A
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14.239	5. Name and address of responsible entity David Bishop, President Madison County Board of Supervisors 125 West North Street Canton, Mississippi 39046	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Holly Knight 202-699-1998	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) Dr. Hickman Johnson MS Regional Housing Development Corporation 2180 Terry Road Jackson, MS 39204	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Sheila Jackson Public Housing Director HUD Office 100 State Avenue Jackson, MS 39269-1096		

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Woodcreek Homes	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Frey Lane and Mace Street Canton, MS 39046
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

This project was submitted as a 9% tax credit project selected through competitive process. The proposed construction of Woodcreek Homes is a sixty (60) unit single family lease purchase development located off Mace Street in Madison County with part of the project known as Frey Lane apartments in Canton, Mississippi, located convenient to schools, churches, convenience stores and shopping. There will be sixty (60) PVB vouchers. Twenty-four (24) units will be rehabilitated and thirty-six (36) units will be new construction. The development is a family development that will target persons with disabilities setting aside 10% of the units for Olmstead Initiative referrals and an additional 10% for Olmstead referrals at 30% AMI. The development includes 11-2 BR homes, 29-3 BR homes, and 14-4 BR homes; these units will be set aside for families at 60% AMI. Ten percent of the 2 BR homes (6 units) will be set aside for 30% AMI and offer development based rental assistance for Olmstead referrals. Units will be handicap equipped and meet all ADA recommendations. All of the units will participate in the lease purchase program. Each of the homes will have a double carport, installed washer and dryer, ceiling fans in each bedroom and living area, brick veneer, architect shingles and energy efficient windows. The carports will house an outside storage locker feature. The development will provide a playground, volleyball court, exterior security and a clubhouse. The Woodcreek Homes site is surrounded by residential developments. There is a single family homeownership neighborhood south of Frey Street as well as leading to the project entrance on Mace Street. There is a newly remodeled school on Mace Street. Directly across from the proposed Woodcreek site is an apartment complex. To the north and east of the Woodcreek site there is forest and open land. There is a revitalization plan that is targeting owner occupied rehabilitation of homes in and around the Woodcreek Homes site. There is also an effort to revitalize the neighboring apartments by the development partners in Woodcreek Homes. The neighborhood is a mixture of single-family residences, multifamily properties, commercial properties and vacant land. The area consists primarily of single-family residences with approximately 35% land use. Multifamily properties make up about 30% land use. Commercial properties comprise about 25%. The remaining 10% is vacant.

Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24-CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

X

Title of Certifying Officer

President, Madison County Board of Supervisors

Date signed

Address of Certifying Officer


125 West North Street; Canton, Mississippi 39046

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

X



Title of Authorized Officer

President
MS Regional Housing Development Corporation

Date signed

9/12/2017

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

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

Date of Publication: April 21, 2017

David Bishop, President of Board of Supervisors

125 West North Street
Canton, MS 39046

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by David Bishop, President of Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after April 21, 2017, the President of the Board of Supervisors, will "authorize the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VI" to submit a request to HUD for the release of HUD Capital Fund Program, and RAD Project Based Voucher, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Woodcreek Homes

Purpose: Rehabilitation of residential and non-dwelling units

Location: Frey Lane, Canton MS 39046

Estimated Cost: \$11,555,953

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Madison 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 Madison County office located at 125 West North Street, Canton, MS and at the Housing Authority's main office located at 2180 Terry Road, Jackson, MS and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments to Avery Werner at 710 Old Stage Road, Auburn, AL 36830. All comments received by May 12, 2017 will be considered by the Madison County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Madison County, certifies to HUD that David Bishop in his capacity as President of the Board of Supervisors 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 Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VI to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD 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 Madison County; (b) Madison County 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 HUD at 100 W Capitol Street, Jackson, MS. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2017

David Bishop, President of Board of Supervisors,
Madison County, Mississippi.