

**REPLY TO GRANTEE REGARDING HUD ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL**

[Type on HUD stationery]

Dear Grantee:

We have reviewed the information that you supplied to us in your letter of (month, day, year) requesting environmental processing under the Urban Empowerment Zones (EZ) Program. Our determination for the property (or neighborhood area) listed in your submission is as follows:

[Type the appropriate option]

**[Option 1: HUD approval]**

The following property (or neighborhood area) listed in your submission does not exceed any of the thresholds that activate the Federal environmental laws and authorities. Therefore HUD approves the use of this property (or neighborhood area) in your local EZ grant program. You may proceed to commit or expend EZ grant funds and non-HUD funds to undertake property acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, leasing, repair or construction for this property (or properties within this neighborhood area).

**[Option 2: HUD environmental approval with special conditions]**

The following property (or neighborhood area) listed in your submission exceeds one or more of the thresholds that activate the Federal environmental laws and authorities, and it was necessary for us to perform a compliance review. We approve the use of this property (or neighborhood area) in your local EZ grant program. You may proceed to commit or expend EZ grant funds and non-HUD funds to undertake property acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, leasing, repair or construction for this property (or properties within this neighborhood area) under the following specified conditions: (explain the specified conditions).

**[Option 3: HUD request for additional information to perform either the threshold determination or the compliance review, or both]**

The following property (or neighborhood area) appears to exceed one or more of the thresholds that activate the Federal environmental laws and authorities. Therefore, (we request that you provide the following necessary information so that we may perform the threshold determination) or (a compliance review is required and significantly more time will be needed for us to complete this review). You are prohibited from committing or expending EZ funds and non-HUD funds to undertake property acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion. Leasing, repair or construction with respect to any eligible property (or neighborhood area), until HUD approval is received for the specific property (or

neighborhood area). If you wish to remove this property (or neighborhood area) from further consideration, please call us as soon as possible. For this property (or neighborhood area), the following action is required (explain action required).

**[Option 4: HUD disapproval]**

The following property (or neighborhood area) exceeds one or more of the thresholds that activate the Federal environmental laws and authorities, and for the following reasons HUD disapproves the use of this property (or neighborhood area) in your local EZ grant program. You are prohibited from committing or extending EZ funds to undertake property acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, leasing, repair or construction with respect to this property (or neighborhood area). For this property (or neighborhood area), the specific reasons for this disapproval are the following: (explain reasons).

For further information regarding this review, please contact [type the name of field office CPD staff person processing the request, his/her phone number and extension, office hours, FAX number, and e-mail address].

Yours truly,

Director  
Community Planning and Development Division

cc:

File: Environmental Review Record

Field Environmental Officer

e-mail:

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