

PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA'S INTENT TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS
SECTION 108 LOAN GUARANTEE FUNDS, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

The City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on behalf of Tulsa Children's Coalition and Community Action Project of Tulsa County, intends to apply for Section 108 Loan Guarantee Funds as authorized under the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The application seeks reasonable government assistance to construct an early childhood education center to provide education and childcare to low-income children from birth to age four at the following sites:

- **Eugene Field Elementary School**

Benefiting low and moderate-income households, specifically, very low-income families, is the National Objective as required under 24 CFR 570.200 (a)(2). Said early childhood education centers will operate under the administration of the local Early/Head Start Program after construction completion. Head Start is a nationally recognized program for children of poverty disadvantaged families and serves individuals from birth through four years of age. The centers are public facilities 570.201(c) to serve very low-income limited clientele under 570.208(a)(2).

The purpose of this Public Notice is to solicit comments on the proposed use of federal community development block grant funds. The City is especially interested in hearing comments from low and moderate-income persons who may benefit from program funds. Tulsa Children's Coalition submitted a proposal to the City of Tulsa requesting CDBG funds for three new early childhood education centers to serve low-income children. Support was requested to help fund each center at a level of \$1,000,000 (\$3,000,000 total). The City previously committed FY 2006 and FY 2008 CDBG funds to the project in the total amount of \$1,398,000. In order to provide the \$3,000,000 requested, the City has pledged future CDBG funds for up to the next six years at no more than \$300,000 per year. **As such, the City of Tulsa is applying for a Section 108 Guaranteed Loan for the remaining \$1,602,000 needed for the project.**

This document is available for a 30-day public review and comment period at the following locations: City of Tulsa – City Clerk's office (172 E 2nd Street); City of Tulsa website at <http://cityoftulsa.org/community-programs/grants.aspx>; INCOG (201 W. 5th St. #600); Central Library (4th St./S. Denver) all four Regional Libraries (Hardesty, Martin, Rudisill and Zarrow) and the Greater Tulsa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (10802 E 31st Street). All comments should be directed in writing to the attention of Dafne Pharis, Director - Department of Grants Administration, 175 E. 2nd Street, Suite 480, Tulsa, OK 74103, e-mail at grantsadmin@cityoftulsa.org or fax to 918-699-3523. All comments received will be incorporated into the final Consolidated Plan, **and made a part of the application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Section 108 Loan Guarantee Funds.**