

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF NORTH MIAMI
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF APPLICATION FOR SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

The City of North Miami is an entitlement recipient of Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Programs. For 2012-13 the City received \$ 1,087,917 through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) a portion of which is designated by the City to assist income qualified families with home repair assistance for their home.

The City has received an application for home repair assistance from Eugene Colas an income eligible applicant, who is an employee of the City, working in the capacity of General Maintenance Worker for the in the Department of Public Works. The Federal Government's Code of Federal Regulations, 24 CFR Section 92.356 (c) states that:

"(b) Conflicts Prohibited. The general rule is that no person described in paragraph (c) of this section who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to the CDBG and or HOME activities assisted under this part, or who are in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG and or HOME assisted activity or have a financial interest in any contract, or agreement with respect to a CDBG and or HOME assisted activity either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or one year thereafter . . ."

"(c) Persons Covered. The conflict of interest provisions of paragraph (b) of this section apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the participating jurisdiction, State recipient, or sub-recipients which are receiving CDBG funds."

Exception

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) may grant an exception to these provisions and allow Mr. Colas to receive funds for the rehabilitation of his home, providing the City publicly discloses the nature of the potential conflict and an opinion from the City attorney that the interest for which we are seeking the exception is not in violation of State or Local law.

The potential conflict in this case arises from the fact that Mr. Colas is an employee of the City of North Miami, and the City is a recipient CDBG funding.

Regine Monestime, serving as City Attorney, has reviewed all documentation for this application and issued a legal opinion regarding the potential conflict of interest. In her opinion Mr. Colas's application does not violate State or local law or any City administrative policies.

Public Comment

Residents are encouraged to review the complete opinion and provide written comments. Copies of the opinion are available for review at the Community Planning & Development Department, located at 12400 N.E. 8th Avenue, North Miami, Florida 33161 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the 10-day period to commence on February 22, 2013, and will end on March 3, 2013. Comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Development Department by mail, in person, or by e-mail to cchristie1@northmiamifl.gov on or before March 3, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

If you have any questions regarding this notice please feel free to contact the Community Planning & Development Department at (305) 893-9825.

City of North Miami
Michael A. Etienne
City Clerk