

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF NORTH MIAMI  
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF APPLICATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION IN THE 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 2013-14 the City received \$ 789,881 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 and Tenant Base Rental Assistance under the HOME Investment Partnership Program.

The City has received an application for Tenant Base Rental Assistance from (1) Luska Gaston, who is an employee of the City, working in the capacity of Minimum Housing Clerk for the Department of Building and Zoning. In addition the City has received applications for Single Family Rehabilitation assistance from (2) Roselle Hilaire, who is an employee of the City, working in the capacity of School Crossing Guard for the Department of North Miami Police, (3) Jaromir Janovsky, who is an employee of the City working in the capacity of Park Attendant for the Department of Parks and Recreation, (4) Esmene Meus, who is an employee of the City, working in the capacity of School Crossing Guard for the Department of North Miami Police, and (5) Lucner Lila, relative to a city employee working in the Capacity of Recreation Aide for the Department of Parks and Recreation who are income eligible applicants. 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 (1) Luska Gaston to receive funds for rental assistance; and allow (2) Roselle Hilaire, (3) Jaromir Janovsky, (4) Esmene Meus (5) Lucner Lila to receive funds for the rehabilitation of their homes, 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 the aforementioned applicants are employees of the City of North Miami and/or related to a City employee, 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 (1) Luska Gaston, (2) Roselle Hilaire, (3) Jaromir Janovsky, (4) Esmene Meus, and (5) Lucner Lila 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. 8<sup>th</sup> 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 July 31st, 2014, and will end on August 9th, 2014. Comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Development Department by mail, in person, or by e-mail to [mjean-pharuns@northmiamifl.gov](mailto:mjean-pharuns@northmiamifl.gov) on or before August 8th, 2014 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