

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 23, 2020
City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
10 N. 2nd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
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On or about November 2, 2020 the City of Harrisburg will submit a request to the HUD for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: *Minor Rehabilitation Program*

Purpose: *The City of Harrisburg will utilize public funds to conduct minor rehabilitation on eligible properties throughout the City. The details of each rehabilitation project will be included in the Tier II Site-Specific reviews.*

Location: *Citywide*

Project/Program Description: *As per the City's Consolidated Plan, 29% of renters and 9.5% of homeowners are cost burdened paying more than 30% of their income towards housing costs. 5% of homeowners and 16% renters are severely cost burdened, paying more than 50% of their income towards housing costs. Further, there are currently 1,623 families on HHA's waitlist, and 701 applicants on the HCV waiting list. Further, 91% of Harrisburg's housing stock was built prior to 1979.*

Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: *24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i)*

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: *The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review:*

Flood Insurance – Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994

Contamination and Toxic Substances – 24 CFR Part 58.5(i)(2)

Historic Preservation – National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): *For each of the laws and authorities listed in the tier 2 site specific review, describe how issues will be addressed, and how mitigation measures, conditions or permits required will be implemented.*

Estimated Project Cost: *\$350,000 annually*

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Harrisburg at 10 N. 2nd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. A copy may be obtained by contacting Lillie Williams at ljwilliams@harrisburgpa.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the *City of Harrisburg*. All comments received by *October 30, 2020* will be considered by the *City of Harrisburg* prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The *City of Harrisburg* certifies to HUD that *Eric Papenfuse* Certifying Officer, in his capacity as *Mayor* 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 *City of Harrisburg* use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the *City of Harrisburg's* certification for a 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 the *City of Harrisburg*; (b) the *City of Harrisburg* 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at *PA_Webmanager@hud.gov*. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Eric Papenfuse, Mayor