

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 6, 2020  
City of Raleigh Housing & Neighborhoods Department | Community Development Division  
421 Fayetteville St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Raleigh, NC 27602  
919-996-4330  
[cd.info@raleighnc.gov](mailto:cd.info@raleighnc.gov)

This notice shall satisfy a procedural requirement for activities to be undertaken by the City of Raleigh.

## BACKGROUND

The City of Raleigh uses federal CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and HOME dollars to help fund scattered site residential rehabilitation, demolition, and infill activities. Prior to drawing down funds for these activities, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the completion of an environmental review checklist for each project. In order to facilitate this process, the City has completed a Broad-Level Tiered Environmental Review for Activities/Projects that are Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5. This broad-level review identifies and evaluates the issues that can be fully addressed and resolved, notwithstanding possible limited knowledge of the project, and establishes the standards, constraints, and processes to be followed in the site-specific reviews. It covers the time period from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025 and allows for up to 300 dwelling units/lots to be funded in whole or part with up to \$12 million in HUD (CDBG and HOME) funds. As individual sites are selected for review, the site-specific reviews will evaluate the remaining issues based on the policies established in the broad-level review.

## REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after October 23, 2020, the City of Raleigh Housing & Neighborhoods Department (City) will submit a request to HUD in Greensboro, NC for the release federal funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships program (created by the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended) and the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program (created under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended). These funds, not to exceed \$12 million over a five-year period, will be used for scattered site residential rehabilitation, acquisition, demolition, and infill activities within the City limits of Raleigh for up to 300 dwelling units/lots.

### Program and Tiered Review specifics:

#### Tier 1 Broad-Level Review: Housing Rehabilitation Program

- Project/Program Description: Tiered review strategy for scattered site residential rehabilitation and infill activities, acquisition, and demolition within the City limits of Raleigh that will be funded with CDBG (Entitlement) and HOME funds between July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025.
- Level of Environmental Review Citation: This Program has a Categorically Excluded Subject To (CEST) citation of 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(2) and/or 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3).

#### Tier 2 Site Specific Review: Housing Rehabilitation Program

- Laws and Authorities: When project site addresses become known, the Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not covered in the Tier 1 broad-level review. The Tier 2 site-specific reviews will cover the following: 1) Airport Hazards; 2) Flood Insurance; 3) Contamination and Toxic Substances; 4) Endangered Species Act; 5) Explosive and Flammable Hazards; 6) Floodplain Management; 7) Historic Preservation; 8) Noise Abatement and Control; 9) Wetlands Protection; and 10) Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
- Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Please refer to the *Part 58 CEST - Tier 2 Site Specific Review Checklist* that is available from the City (contact information above).

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record to the City of Raleigh Community Development Division (contact information above). All comments received by October 22, 2020, will be considered by the City of Raleigh prior to authorizing submission of the request for release of funds.

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Raleigh certifies to the HUD/Greensboro Field Office that Ruffin Hall in his capacity as City Manager 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. The HUD/Greensboro Field Office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The HUD/Greensboro Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Raleigh'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 Raleigh;
- b) the City of Raleigh 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the HUD/Greensboro Field Office; 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to:

**Lenwood E. Smith, II, PWS**  
**Environmental Protection Specialist**  
**US Dept. of HUD – Greensboro Field Office**  
**2306 W. Meadowview Road**  
**Greensboro, NC 27407**

Potential objectors should contact the HUD/Greensboro Field Office at 336-547-4000 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ruffin Hall, City Manager