

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 13, 2025

City of New York- Department of Housing Preservation and Development

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On or about March 22, 2025, the City of New York- Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Lead-Based-Paint Hazard Reduction (LHR) Grant Program funding is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, as amended, for the following multi-year program/project: 2024 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant. The requested grant funding will serve the purpose of eliminating lead-based paint hazards in 280 dwelling units in approximately 12-15 separate properties including multifamily rental and owner-occupied small homes, which house low- and very low-income families, prioritizing units occupied by families with children under the age of six years. In addition, the funds will also be used to provide outreach and education on lead hazards to local community organizations and residents

A contracted community-based organization (CBO) will coordinate with their local community leadership, outreach to owners, enroll buildings, collect tenant income documentation and assist owners through the program. They will serve as a conduit to assist with contacting faith-based organizations, libraries, schools, and planned community events. All goals will be monitored by the program on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. The proposal will leverage additional public and private sources of funding. HPD is requesting the release of approximately \$7,000,000 of funds for estimated total project cost of approximately \$8,850,938.

The proposed lead-based paint hazard reduction activities to be funded under this program is categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58. In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target areas. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ready for review. Specifically, the target areas that have been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been achieved in this Tier 1 review: Airport Hazards, Coastal Barrier Resources, Clean Air, Coastal Zone Management, Endangered Species, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Farmlands Protection, Noise Abatement and Control, Sole Source Aquifers, Wetlands Protection, Wild and Scenic Rivers and Environmental Justice.

Site-specific environmental reviews will include compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program listed above: Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management and Historic Preservation.

Should individual aggregate projects exceed the threshold for categorical exclusion detailed at §58.35(a), an Environmental Assessment will be completed and a separate Finding of No Significant Impact and Request for Release of Funds published. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, is on file at HPD, Office of Development, Environmental Planning Unit, 100 Gold Street, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10038 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Anthony Howard, Director of Environmental Planning, HPD. All comments must be submitted to HPD electronically via email to nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov, via mail addressed to Anthony Howard, Director of Environmental Planning at the above-referenced address, or by telephone at (212) 863-7248 from Monday through Friday 9am-5pm on or before March 21, 2025. No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

HPD certifies to HUD that Adolfo Carrión Jr. in his official capacity as Commissioner of HPD, 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 HPD to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the HPD certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date (cited above) or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of HPD; (b) HPD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the HPD has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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 may be addressed to HUD and sent to the email address as follows: OLHCHHPECOS@hud.gov. Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.