

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

November 22, 2015

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City of Harrisburg
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On or about **November 30, 2015** the City of Harrisburg, PA will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds to implement the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program. This program is authorized by Sec. 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992), Public Law 102-550. The Healthy Homes supplemental funding is authorized under Section 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-2). Funding was approved and provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235), for the following multi-year program/project: **City of Harrisburg, PA Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant program** for the purpose of completing Lead-Paint Investigations and Risk Assessments, including Healthy Home Assessments in residential properties in the City limits. These investigations and assessments can result in the City undertaking lead-paint hazard abatement and interim controls. The **City of Harrisburg** is requesting the release of **\$3,714,272 and \$851,182.51 match amount separately for the period of performance of the grant which is from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2018.**

The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this/these program(s) is/are 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 area(s) listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area(s) has/have been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities have been established in this Tier 1 review: Floodplain Management, Coastal Barriers Resource Act, and Coastal Zone Management Act. In the Tiered 2 review, compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities will take place for proposed projects funded under the program(s) listed above: Historic Preservation, National Flood Insurance Program requirements, Explosive & Flammable Operations, toxics/hazardous materials. 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

The City of Harrisburg
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Where the ERR can be examined. The ERR may be examined or copied weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mr. Roy Christ, Director. All comments received by **November 30, 2015** will be considered by **the City of Harrisburg** prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The **City of Harrisburg** certifies to HUD that **Mr. Roy Christ** in his official capacity as **Director of Building and Housing Development for the City of Harrisburg** 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** to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the **City of Harrisburg's** 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 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 **City of Harrisburg** 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 as follows: Karen M. Griego, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 500 Gold Ave SW, 7th Floor, Suite 7301, Albuquerque, NM 87103-0906. Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

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