

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 12, 2021

City of Lafayette and the Lafayette Housing Consortium
Lafayette Housing Authority, Federal Grant Administrator
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Lafayette, Indiana 47904
(765) 771-1300

On or about **July 23, 2021**, the City of Lafayette, acting as lead agency for the Lafayette Housing Consortium, will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Section 288 (42 U.S.C 12838) of Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake projects known as housing rehabilitation and construction, Homeownership Activities, and Rental Activities for the purpose of supporting affordable, quality housing, in the amount of approximately \$704,848. The projects will be located in Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

In addition, on or about **July 23, 2021**, the City of Lafayette, will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I Section 103 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1977, as amended, to undertake projects known as Public Infrastructure Improvements, Public Facility Improvements, and Housing Rehabilitation Activities for the purpose of assisting a range of community development projects, in the amount of approximately \$458,785. The projects will be located in Lafayette, Indiana.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at the Lafayette Housing Authority. Due to COVID-19 precautions, hard copies of the Environmental Review Record will only be available for review at the office with advance request. Electronic copies of the ERR will be available upon request. To request an appointment or electronic copy, please contact Valerie Oakley at 765-771-1309 or by e-mail at voakley@lha.lafayette.in.gov. The ERR's may also be reviewed online at:

*****.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments, by e-mail, on the ERR to the Lafayette Housing Authority, Federal Grant Administrator for the City of Lafayette's CDBG Program at CDBG@lha.lafayette.in.gov and for the Lafayette Housing Consortium's HOME Program at HOME@lha.lafayette.in.gov. All comments received by **4:30 PM July 22, 2021** will be considered by the City of Lafayette prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Lafayette certifies to HUD that Tony Roswarski 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 Lafayette to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Lafayette'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 Lafayette; (b) the City of Lafayette 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be e-mailed to HUD administration **CPD_COVID-19OEE-IND@hud.gov**. Potential objectors should contact HUD at **CPD_COVID-19OEE-IND@hud.gov** to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

TONY ROSWARSKI, Mayor