



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

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On or after November 7, 2024, the City of Carson will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project: Residential Rehabilitation Program

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Residential Rehabilitation Program.

Purpose: Provide rehabilitation assistance to low- and moderate-income residents who reside in single-family homes and mobile homes within designated target areas and citywide.

Location: The Individual projects will take place throughout the City.

Project/Program Description: The Residential Rehabilitation program is designed to assist low- and moderate-income owners of single-family detached dwellings and mobile homes with the preservation of decent, safe and sanitary housing. Residential Rehab corrects hazardous structural conditions, makes improvements considered necessary to eliminate blight, promotes the construction of healthy, sustainable and resource-efficient housing, improves disabled access, and corrects building, and health and safety code violations.

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: The proposed activities are categorically excluded from National Environmental Policy Act requirements under HUD regulations at 24 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 58.35(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: The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Flood Plain Management, Historic Preservation and Environmental Justice.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):

Flood Insurance: There are several floodplain risk areas within the City of Carson. All projects in FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) will be required to maintain flood insurance. Therefore, site-specific reviews will include a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Individual Projects within a SFHA must also provide proof of insurance during site-specific review.

Contamination and Toxic Substance: There are multiple toxic releases within the City of Carson. Each site will be mapped in relation to those releases, and any within 3000 feet will be evaluated more closely to determine if the site is safe for occupancy. Given the small scale of the Project, which is limited to renovations and rehabilitation, little can be done to remediate for toxics or contamination within the scope of this action; however, other funding sources would be considered for cleanup efforts if it is determined to be necessary as sites are evaluated. Additionally, asbestos, lead paint, and radon testing will be conducted as part of each site-specific review to ensure no occupants are exposed to hazardous substances during project actions.

Floodplain Management: There are areas within the City of Carson that are within either a 100-year floodplain or 500-year floodplain. At the site-specific review, each site will be compared to FEMA maps to determine whether the property is within the 100-year floodplain. For any proposed projects within the 100-year floodplain, a 5-Step process will be completed to evaluate feasible mitigation measures.

Historic Preservation: As project sites are identified, SHPO will be consulted at the site-specific level to determine the sensitivity of specific buildings and ensure all actions are consistent with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Proposals that would involve impacts to the exterior of buildings constructed after 1940 should be consistent with historical features to the extent feasible, but SHPO consultation is not required.

Environmental Justice: The City of Carson's population is approximately 23% Black or African American, 23% White, 27% Asian, 3% Pacific Islander, and 24% other races. Additionally, approximately 40% of its population is Hispanic or Latino (any race) (City of Carson, 2018). At the site-specific review and upon determining all locations, individual site will be assessed in terms of Environmental Justice and, projects with adverse environmental impacts will not be approved.

Estimated Project Cost: Funding and total estimated project costs are \$600,000.

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 58.35(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of Carson City Hall, 701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745, where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. or if the review was completed in HEROS at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Debra Scott, Housing Specialist, 310-830-7600 ext. 1309 or by mail at 801 East Carson Street, Carson CA 90745, or by email at dscott@carsonca.gov. All comments received by November 7, 2024, will be considered by the City of Carson prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Carson certifies to HUD that Robert Lennox, Ed.D, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Assistant 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Carson to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Carson'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 Carson; (b) the City of Carson 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 addressed to HUD Administrative Office at 300 N. Los Angeles Street, #4054, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert Lennox, Ed.D, Certifying Officer