

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

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On or about September 30, 2020 the City of Wichita Falls will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects, for the purpose of improving the conditions of housing stock and/or providing handicap accessibility:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Repair Programs
Purpose: Improve condition of housing stock and/or provide handicapped accessibility.

Location: City-wide: specific addresses will be assessed in the site specific reviews.

Project/Program Description: For the Minor and Emergency Repair Programs, perform minor repairs to improve property condition and/or handicapped accessibility on single-family homes of qualified low-income homeowners. For the Christmas in Action Repair Program, perform minor repairs that improve property condition and/or handicapped accessibility on homes occupied by qualified elderly and/or handicapped homeowners. 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: 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(2)and (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: Historic preservation, floodplain management, flood insurance, noise abatement, toxic chemicals and radioactive materials, airport hazards, environmental justice

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Historic Preservation: Any SHPO issue identified after consultation will be considered for compliance if feasible, if not the project will be disapproved. Floodplain Management: Properties in Special Flood Hazard Areas are not eligible. Flood Insurance: Community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. Consideration to establish whether property is within a Special Flood Hazard Area, but properties within this category are not eligible. Noise Abatement: Considered on an individual basis as to whether mitigation is needed or feasible, subject to program design of eligible types of repairs. Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials: Considered on an individual basis to determine presence and whether the project can be implemented. Airport Hazard: Properties located in Airport Hazard Areas are not eligible. Environmental Justice: No projects with any adverse impacts are eligible.

Estimated Project Cost: \$400,000

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)(2)and (a)(3)(i). **An Environmental Review Record (ERR)** that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of Wichita Falls, Neighborhood Resources Division, 1300 7th Street, Room 300, Wichita Falls, TX 76301 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 AM to 5 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Wichita Falls Neighborhood Resources Division at the address listed above, or by email to alex.borrego@wichitafallstx.gov. The ERR can also be accessed online at the following website: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/?filter_status=&filter_state=TX&filter_city=Wichita+Falls&program=ERR&group= All comments received by 5PM on September 29, 2020 will be considered by the City of Wichita Falls prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Wichita Falls certifies to HUD that Darron Leiker, Certifying Officer, 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Wichita Falls to use HUD program funds.


OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Wichita Falls' 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 Wichita Falls; (b) the City of Wichita Falls 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) by email to Shirley Henley, Director, Fort Worth Regional Office, CPD_COVID-19OEE-FTW@hud.gov, or by U.S. mail to HUD at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Shirley Henley, Director, Fort Worth Regional Office, Office of Community Planning and Development, 307 W. 7th St., Suite 1000, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Darron Leiker, City Manager, Certifying Officer

Certification

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at Memorial Auditorium, Wichita Falls, TX on the 11th day of September, 2020, at 4:30 o'clock p.m.



City Clerk