

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

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City of Lake Charles

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On or about December 18, 2023 the City of Lake Charles will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the funding of the Housing Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C -530.1 et seq. and HOME Program funded under Title II of Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Demolition/Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of single-family homes.

Purpose: To offer safe, hazard-free, suitable housing for low to moderate-income individuals within the city limits of Lake Charles by providing reconstruction or rehabilitation housing assistance.

Location: Scattered sites within the City of Lake Charles

Project/Program Description: Demolition of substandard homes, site clearance, temporary relocation, reconstruction of single-family owner occupied homes; rehabilitation of single-family owner occupied homes. 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: Rehabilitation of residential buildings with one to four units 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3); Combinations of activities 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(6)

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D; Flood Insurance 24 CFR 50.4(b)(1), 24 CFR 58.6(a), 24 CFR 55.1(b); Contamination and Toxic Substances (Single Family Residential Properties) 24 CFR 58.5(i)(2), 24 CFR 50.3(i); Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C; Floodplain Management 24 CFR 55; Historic Preservation 36 CFR 800; Wetlands Protection 24 CFR 55.20;

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Issues, mitigation measures and conditions and permits will be addressed, as needed, in the Tier 2 site-specific review.

Estimated Project Cost: \$1,620,204

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 58.35 (a) An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this

project is on file at the City of Lake Charles Community Development Department, 326 Pujoe St., 5th Floor, Lake Charles, LA 70601 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm and online at www.cityoflakecharles.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Lake Charles Community Development Department. All comments received by December 15, 2023 will be considered by the City of Lake Charles prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Lake Charles certifies to HUD that Nicholas E. Hunter 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 Lake Charles to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Lake Charles 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 Lake Charles; (b) the City of Lake Charles 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. Hale Boggs Federal Building at 500 Poydras Street, 9th Floor, New Orleans, LA 70130. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Nicholas E. Hunter, Mayor, Certifying Officer

Si necesita asistencia en español, por favor comuníquese al departamento de desarrollo comunitario al 337.491.1440.

The City of Lake Charles fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Americans with Disabilities Act, and related statutes, executive orders, and regulations in all programs and activities. The City operates without regard to race, color, or national origin. Any person who believes him/herself or any specific class of persons, to be subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI and/or Americans with Disabilities Act may by him/herself or by representative file a written complaint with the City of Lake Charles. The City's Title VI Coordinator/ADA Coordinator may be reached by phone at (337) 491-1440, the Mayor's Action Line at (337) 491-1346, or contact the appropriate Department Head.