**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**HOUSING REHABILITATION RECOVERY PROGRAM- 651 V. E. Washington Street**

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*Responsible Entity (RE):* The City of Lake Charles

*Address:* 326 Pujo Street Lake Charles, LA 70602

*Contact:* Mark Tizano, Executive Director

(337) 491-1440

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**. On or about **October 11, 2024**,the City of Lake Charles will submit a request to the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) for the following project:

Lake Charles Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation:

Substantial rehabilitation of a hurricane-damaged, owner-occupied, single-family home at 651 V. E. Washington Street, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, LA 70601. The total amount of funding requested is **$40,783.28** in **HOME funds**.

**Project Issues**: Lead-based paint was found on the interior and exterior of the structure. Asbestos was found on the interior of the structure.

**Mitigation:** All lead-based paint will be abated by LDEQ-certified contractors using HUD’s Lead Safe Housing Rule under 24 CFR Part 35. Asbestos remediation will be performed by licensed professionals in accordance with state and federal regulations.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at (name and address of office where ERR can be examined) and may be examined or copied on weekdays \_8\_AM to \_4\_PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination, or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments by mail to Lake Charles Community Development Department or by email to Alexis Thomas at alexis.thomas@cityoflc.us. All comments received by **October 10, 2024** will be considered by this office prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS:** The City certifies to LHC that Mayor Nicholas E. Hunter, in his capacity as the Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, 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. LHC’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City to use Program Funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**. LHC will consider objections to its release of funds and the City’s certification received 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; (b) the City 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by LHC; 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:

**Alexis Thomas**

**alexis.thomas@cityoflc.us**

**326 Pujo Street**

**Lake Charles, LA 70602**

Potential objectors should contact LHC to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Nicholas E. Hunter

The City of Lake Charles