

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

**Date of Notice: March 1, 2023**

**City of Detroit, Housing and Revitalization**

**Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Ave., Suite 908**

**Detroit, Michigan 48226**

**Environmental Review Officers Telephone: (313) 224-2933**

On or about March 10, 2023, the City of Detroit will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the FY 2022/2023 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant and Healthy Homes Supplemental. The Lead Hazard Reduction Grant is authorized by Section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) (42 U.S.C. 4852) and funding is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103, enacted March 15, 2022), and prior year funding. The Healthy Homes Supplemental funding is authorized by Section 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-2) and funding is provided by the same Consolidated Appropriations Act and prior year funding.

Grant details are as follows: FY 2022 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant, for the purpose of increasing the number of lead-safe residential units in the City of Detroit for income eligible households with children under 6 or a pregnant woman through the abatement and/or interim control of lead-based paint hazards. The City of Detroit will prioritize units where a child has an elevated blood lead level at 3.5 ug/dL or higher. The project will assist 150 units with lead-based paint reduction activities and up to 150 units with Healthy Homes Supplemental funding to address non-lead hazards in homes. The City of Detroit is requesting the release of \$5,000,000 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant and \$650,000 The Healthy Homes Supplemental funding. There is also a forthcoming \$800,000.00 CDBG match to this Lead Hazard Reduction grant that will be completed in a separate environmental review.

The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this/these program(s) is/are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58. In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target area(s) listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area(s) has/have been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been achieved in this Tier 1 review: Airport Hazards, Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Air Quality, Coastal Zone Management Act, Endangered Species Act, Explosives and Flammable Hazards, Farmland Protection, Noise Abatement and Control, Sole Source Aquifers, Wetland Protection, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and Environmental Justice. Site-specific environmental reviews will include compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program(s) listed above: Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, and Historic Preservation. Should individual aggregate projects exceed the threshold for categorical exclusion detailed at §58.35(a), an Environmental Assessment will be completed and a separate Finding of No Significant Impact and Request for Release of Funds published. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, is available on the City of Detroit's Housing and Revitalization Department Website's Public Notice section: <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/housing-and-revitalization-department/public-notice>. The ERR is available at the City of Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department at Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Ave., Suite 908, Detroit, Michigan 48226 and may be examined or copied weekdays **10 am to 4 pm** with an appointment.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Penny Dwoinen, the City of Detroit Environmental Review Officer at telephone: 313.224.2933 or email: [dwoinenp@detroitmi.gov](mailto:dwoinenp@detroitmi.gov). All comments received March 9, 2023, will be considered by the City of Detroit prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Detroit certifies to HUD that Ms. Julie Schneider, in her official capacity as Certifying Officer, 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 Detroit to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Detroit's certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date (cited above) or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Detroit; (b) the City of Detroit has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the City of Detroit has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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), and may be addressed to HUD and sent to the email address as follows: Karen M. Griego, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development [LeadRegulations@HUD.GOV](mailto:LeadRegulations@HUD.GOV) Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

Ms. Julie Schneider, Director, Housing and Revitalization Department, City of Detroit