

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

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City of Detroit, Housing and Revitalization
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Environmental Review Officer's Telephone: (313) 628-1122

On or after December 1, 2023, the City of Detroit will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development, for the release of Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) funds appropriated by the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 Public Law 117-43, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: CDBG-DR Basement Backup Protection Program Phase I

Purpose: The Program will provide housing recovery and protection to low-income homeowners impacted by the 2021 flood in the City of Detroit.

Location: Throughout the City of Detroit

Project/Program Description: The CDBG Disaster Relief Program Funds will be used to support housing recovery and protection efforts to homes impacted by the 2021 flood. In partnership with City of Detroit Water and Sewage Department (DWSD), the Basement Backup Protection Program will repair or replace sewer services lines, install backwater valves, and provide emergency housing needs. The proposed total units that will receive recovery and protection efforts are between 1,500-2,000. 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)(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: Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, and Environmental Justice.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): None

Estimated Project Cost: \$43,211,450.00

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 the City of Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Ave., Suite 908, Detroit, Michigan 48226 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M. with an appointment or accessed at <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/housing-and-revitalization-department/public-notice>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Detroit Environmental Compliance Specialist Kim Siegel by email: kim.siegel@detroitmi.gov. All comments received by November 30, 2023, will be considered by the City of Detroit prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Detroit certifies to HUD that Julie Schneider, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Director of the Housing and Revitalization Department at the City of Detroit, 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 use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Detroit'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 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 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Detroit Field Office, Keith E. Hernandez, Director, Community Planning and Development at DetroitCPD@hud.gov Potential objectors should contact Mr. Keith Hernandez to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The City of Detroit does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, creed, handicap, national origin, race, sex, or sexual orientation. Persons or groups with discrimination complaints may file those complaints with the City of Detroit Human Rights Department, 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1026, Detroit, Michigan, 48226.

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