

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

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On or after October 1, 2023 the Town of East Hartford will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Hartford State Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following 49th Year (2023-2024) projects:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Housing Rehabilitation (Single & Multi Family)

Purpose: Limited housing rehabilitation of one to four unit owner-occupied properties inhabited by low and moderate income families.

Location: Townwide

Project/Program Description: Limited housing rehabilitation in one to four unit properties occupied by low and moderate income families. Eligible repairs include, but are not limited to, handicapped barrier removal, roof and furnace replacement, water heater replacement, chimney repair, wiring and electrical service and plumbing.

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: Historic Preservation, Floodplain Management, Wetlands Protection, Endangered Species, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Manmade Hazards/Thermal/Explosive

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): When addresses are determined and Tier 2 site-specific reviews have been conducted, any environmental factors requiring mitigation, conditions or permits will be addressed in a manner consistent with the governing regulations and the Town's written strategy.

Estimated Project Cost: \$194,000 (\$155,200 Single Family; \$38,800 Multi-Family)

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Streetscape

Purpose: Physical improvements in the Central Business District and along major arteries, in low to moderate income areas, including, but not limited to, bus shelters, trash receptacles, sidewalk replacement, and benches.

Location: The Central Business District and along major arteries in low to moderate income areas

Project/Program Description: Physical improvements including, but not limited to, bus shelters, trash receptacles, sidewalk replacement, and benches.

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)(1)

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, Wetlands Protection, Endangered Species, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Manmade Hazards/Thermal/Explosive

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): When addresses are determined and Tier 2 site-specific reviews have been conducted, any environmental factors requiring mitigation, conditions or permits will be addressed in a manner consistent with the governing regulations and the Town's written strategy.

Estimated Project Cost: \$182,086

The 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) and 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(1). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at the Town of East Hartford's Grants Administration Office 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, CT 06108 and may be examined or copied Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of East Hartford's Grants Administration Office. All comments received by September 13, 2023 will be considered by the Town of East Hartford prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of East Hartford certifies to HUD Hartford State Office that Michael P. Walsh, Certifying Officer, 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 Hartford State Office approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of East Hartford to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The HUD Hartford State Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of East Hartford'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 Town of East Hartford; (b) the Town of East Hartford 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 Hartford State Office; 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 Phillip E. McKeough, CPD Director, via email at Phillip.E.McKeough@hud.gov or contact: (860) 240-9770 to arrange an alternative method. Potential objectors should contact HUD Hartford State Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael P. Walsh, Mayor, Certifying Officer