

Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds [Tiered Reviews]

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

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City of Little Rock

500 West Markham Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

501-371-6825

On or after March 04, 2026 the City of Little Rock will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Little Rock Field Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recover (B-25-MU-05-0001) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Housing: New Affordable Housing Construction Program; Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program

Purpose: The Housing Program is intended to address an unmet need regarding affordable housing that was exacerbated by the March 2023 tornado.

Location: Little Rock

Project/Program Description: The 2023 storm in Little Rock, AR caused extensive damage to housing in the Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas, greatly reducing the quality and safety of much of the impacted area's housing stock. To address damage to housing, we have created the New Affordable Housing Construction Program (NAHCP), Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program (HRP), for eligible households in the applicable 2023 storm impacted areas whose home sustained damage from the storm(s) and developers building new affordable housing. Low- and moderate income (LMI) households will be prioritized. This may include single family homes, small rental, or multi-family housing.

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 § 58.36 and 24 CFR § 58.35(a)

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Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): For each of the laws and authorities listed in the tier 2 site specific review, environmental impacts identified during the review process will be

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Estimated Project Cost: 11,003,250

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Infrastructure

Purpose: The 2023 tornado in Little Rock, AR affected many communities' infrastructure systems such as damaging roadways, water systems, parks, and energy services. City of Little Rock is allocating \$2,500,000 to fund infrastructure restoration and improvement projects in communities impacted by the 2023 tornado. Funding will be dispersed to impacted communities through a competitive application cycle with priority given to projects that can demonstrate benefit to LMI populations.

Location: Little Rock

Project/Program Description: Eligible activities within this program may include, but are not limited to the following: Restoration or improvements of infrastructure damaged by the qualifying 2023 tornado (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, removal of debris, drainage, bridges, parks, etc.). Demolition and rehabilitation of publicly- or privately-owned commercial or industrial buildings. Repairs to damaged buildings that are essential to the health, safety and welfare of a community when repairs to these buildings constitute an urgent need (this may include police stations, fire stations, parks and recreational centers, community and senior centers, hospitals, clinics, homeless shelters, schools and educational facilities and other public properties, including properties serving as emergency shelters). Repairs to water lines and systems, sewer lines and systems, drainage and flood mitigation systems. Natural or green infrastructure. Communications infrastructure Assistance to buildings for the general conduct of government as the non-federal match. Acquisition with or without relocation assistance.

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Estimated Project Cost: 2,500,000

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Mitigation Set-Aside

Purpose: The Universal Notice defines mitigation activities as “activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.” The Mitigation Program meets the definition of mitigation as it will increase the resilience of Little Rock’s infrastructure so that it will be able to withstand the impacts of future wind and flood events and reduce the long-term risk of damage to infrastructure such as roads and bridges.

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Project/Program Description: Eligible activities include Acquisition, Construction, Reconstruction, and Installation of Public Facilities and Other Site Improvements; Disposition; Non-Federal Match

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Estimated Project Cost: 3,147,000

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per give citation listed above. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of Little Rock - Housing and Neighborhood Programs Department. 500 W. Markham Street Suite 120W Little Rock AR 72201 and may be examined or copied on weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Little Rock certifies to HUD that Delphone Hubbard, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as City Manager, 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 Little Rock to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Little Rock'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 Little Rock's (b) the RE 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/State; 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 The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Little Rock Office of Community Planning and Development

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