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Notice of Finding 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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On or about April 18, 2026 the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes for the release of Healthy Homes Production Grant Program funds and Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, as amended, to undertake the following multi-year program/project.

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title:

Single-Family Home Rehabilitation – Healthy Homes Program Grant Program and Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program.

Purpose:

Assistance for moderate rehabilitation of homeowner-occupied units.

Location:

Projects for the Healthy Homes Production Grant will be assessed in the following counties: Allegany, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Washington

County. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site specific reviews.
The Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program, shall target all 23 counties within the state of Maryland.

Program/Project Description:

The Healthy Homes Production Grant provides assistance to income qualified homeowners for single-family, owner-occupied home rehabilitation. Existing homes will be assessed to identify hazards. And remediate by providing a safe and healthy environment after the project is completed. Projects include activities to remediate hazards that may impact resident’s health following the “Eight Principles of a Healthy Home”. Work performed will be designed to provide dry, clean, safe, well-ventilated, well-maintained, pest – and contaminant – free, and thermally controlled homes. The scope will be determined at the Tier 2 level. The scope may vary from project to project however; shall not: increase the unity density, require substantial rehabilitation (project costs cannot exceed more than 50% the market value of the property), change the land use from residential to non-residential, or increase the footprint of a building in a wetland or floodplain.

The Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program targets lead hazards in homes built before 1978 across Maryland’s 23 counties. The federal investment will fund lead abatement in over 150 homes across Maryland, directly reducing the risk of lead poisoning and its associated health issues, particularly for children and other vulnerable community members. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development received approval for \$4,000,000.00. A Tier 2 site specific ERR will be completed for each project location once a lead inspection risk assessment and a scope of work have been completed.

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 historic preservation for both Healthy Homes Program and Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Programs.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):

All rehabilitation projects in which the property is located in a 100 year floodplain, a copy of any flood insurance policy covering the property is required. The Program will review that all properties have the proper hazard and flood insurance coverage. The Program will require that hazard insurance and if applicable flood insurance be in place at the time of commitment.

All properties have been/will be assessed for contamination, including, lead-based paint (LBP), and mold. Identified hazards will be remediated, following EPA and HUD guidelines, ensuring no adverse effects on occupant health.

And finally, prior to the initiation of any physical work, a Section 106 review will be conducted for every property in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO).

The proposed single-family moderate rehabilitation activities to be funded under both programs 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. Compliance with other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be met when individual projects are reviewed, i.e., Flood Insurance, Historic Preservation, Contamination/Toxics. 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 following address: 7800 Harkins Rd. Lanham, MD 20706.

Estimated Project Cost:

Healthy Homes Program:

Grant Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Maximum Assistance: \$15,474.00 for the actual cost of critical repair.

Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program

Grant Amount: \$4,000,000.00

Maximum Assistance: \$25,000.00 for the actual cost of critical repair.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. All comments received by **April 18, 2026** will be considered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

Environmental Certification

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Robyne Chaconas in her capacity as Certifying Officer, Deputy Director of Community Development Administrative Programs 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. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities.

Objections to the Release of Funds

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are made on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; (b) the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 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 the approval of a release of funds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; 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 Sec. 58.76) and shall be sent via email to Ms. Ebony M. Madyun, Director, Community Planning and Development Division, Ebony.M.Madyun@hud.gov.

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Certifying Officer