

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROGRAM

July 15, 2026
City of Cleveland
Department of Community Development
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On or after July 24, 2026, the City of Cleveland, Department of Community Development will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) to undertake the following program:

Tier 1 Broad Review Program Title: 2026-2028-CDBG-Acquisition-Rehab-Program

Purpose: This City of Cleveland will repair or replace furnace or boiler heating systems in single-family homes within the program's service area.

Location: This program will service single-family homes within the city of Cleveland.

Program Description: The City of Cleveland's Department of Community Development will provide funds to partner agencies to acquire vacant and distressed single-family homes in the city of Cleveland. Agencies will then rehabilitate these properties with private funds. These rehabilitation activities may include but are not limited to: installation of security systems, water heaters, lighting fixtures, gutters, downspouts, soffits, rakes, gutter-board, siding, roofing, insulation, windows, cabinetry, counters, trim, bathroom fixtures, shelving, handrails, flooring, carpeting, and exterior or interior doors; trimming or seasonal removal of trees, shrubs, and vines; landscaping; encapsulation or painting of interior walls and fixtures; sealing of flues; repair of structural framing, driveway, drywall, and ceilings; & replacement of HVAC systems, furnace, gas lines, plumbing fixtures, electrical fixtures, and chimney. Following rehabilitation, Agencies will make subject properties available to low-to-moderate income homeowners. This tiered program will remain active from August 10, 2026, to August 9, 2028.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3), 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(4), & 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(6)

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, Floodplain Management, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation and Noise Abatement and Control.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Mitigation for Flood Insurance and Floodplain Management will be prescribed flood insurance policies. Mitigation for Contamination and Toxic Substances will be created following federal, state, and local regulations from the EPA and OEPA. Historic Preservation non-compliance will be mitigated by utilizing best practices detailed by the City of Cleveland Landmark Commission and its Programmatic Agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office. Noise Abatement and Control in these existing single-family homes will be mitigated above 75dB through use of noise studies or noise waivers as recommended by 24 CFR Sec. 51.101(a)(5).

Estimated Project Cost: The total estimated project cost is \$4,000,000, of which approximately \$1,500,000 will be CDBG funds.

The program 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)(3)(iii). The Environmental Review Records (ERRs) that document the environmental determinations for these projects are on file at 601 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114 and may be examined at:
<https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERRs to Arin Miller-Tait, Director, Department of Community Development, City of Cleveland via email at CDPublicComment@clevelandohio.gov or by mail to 601 Lakeside Ave E Room 320, Cleveland, OH 44114. All comments received by July 23, 2026 will be considered by the City of Cleveland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Cleveland certifies to HUD that Arin Miller-Tait, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Director, 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 Cleveland to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Cleveland'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 the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Cleveland; (b) the City of Cleveland 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 HUD, Columbus Field Office at CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov or HUD. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Columbus Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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