

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

May 4, 2026  
City of Cleveland  
Department of Community Development  
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Cleveland, OH 44114  
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On or after May 13, 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.) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds under Section 212(a)(1) of Title II (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (as amended to undertake the following four programs:

**Tier 1 Broad Review Program Title:** 2026-Furnace-Replacement-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 homes within the entire city of Cleveland.

**Program Description:** Project sites will be existing residential structures in an urban setting. Activities may include, but are not limited to replacement of main gas, electric or hot water boiler system; and may include necessary repair of plumbing lines, radiators, vents, plumbing fixtures, minor paint stabilization, finish carpentry, site cleaning, necessary fixtures and electrical connections.

**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, 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. 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 \$400,000, of which approximately \$400,000 will be CDBG funds.

**Tier 1 Broad Review Program Title:** 2026-Repair-a-Home-Tier-I

**Purpose:** This program will provide financing for code-compliant rehabilitation in the form of grants and loans to low-income homeowners. The program will increase the safety and value of homes occupied by these low-income homeowners.

**Location:** This program will service homes within the entire city of Cleveland.

**Program Description:** Project sites will be existing residential structures in an urban setting. Activities include, but are not limited to re-seeding areas of bare soil; tree and shrub trimming,

replacing concrete or asphalt walkways and driveways; partial or full replacement or installation of siding; partial or full replacement of porch, roof, plumbing or electrical systems; partial or full replacement of porch, roof, plumbing or electrical system components; partial or full replacement or installation of windows or storm windows; relocation of electrical panel; partial or full replacement or installation of exterior doors or storm doors; partial or full replacement of interior doors; partial or full replacement of drywall or paneling; partial or full replacement or installation of acoustical or drop ceiling panels; partial or full replacement of flooring materials; partial or full replacement of stair systems; partial or full replacement of plumbing fixtures; substantial rehabilitation of kitchen or bathroom system; replacement of heat distribution system; replacement or installation of central air conditioning system; installation of enclosure systems; installation of encapsulation systems; paint stabilization; tuckpointing; installation of carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors; finish carpentry; pest management; site cleaning; partial or full replacement of gutters and/or downspouts.

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**Estimated Project Cost:** The total estimated project cost is \$13,696,484, of which approximately \$2,574,685 will be HOME funding.

**Tier 1 Broad Review Program Title:** 2026-Model-Block-Tier

**Purpose:** This program will provide public investment capital to remove blight and preserve neighborhood buildings in focused areas.

**Location:** This program will service homes within Cleveland's Tremont and Quincy neighborhoods.

**Program Description:** Project sites will be existing residential structures in an urban setting. Activities include but are not limited to repair or replacement of roofing, porches, exterior paint, exterior carpentry, doors, locks, gutters, downspouts, siding, windows, driveways, chimneys, foundations, masonry, stonework, or any damaged exterior surfaces; installation of siding, wheelchair ramps, or wheelchair lifts; and performance of tuckpointing or exterior painting. Additional covered costs include soft costs related to consultants and implementation vendor involvement.

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

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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 \$1,350,000, of which approximately \$400,000 will be CDBG funds.

**Tier 1 Broad Review Program Title:** 2026-Senior-Homeowner-Assistance-Program

**Purpose:** This program will address health and safety measures and code-compliant repairs for the city's elderly population.

**Location:** This program will service homes within the entire city of Cleveland.

**Program Description:** Project sites will be existing residential structures in an urban setting. Activities include, but are not limited to re-seeding areas of bare soil, tree trimming, shrub trimming or removal, paint stabilization, tuckpointing, finishing carpentry, pest management, site cleaning, radon testing and necessary radon mitigation, substantial rehabilitation of kitchen or bathroom, waterproofing/sealing, specialized mold cleaning, relocation of electrical panel, and application of paint sealant; Partial or full replacement of siding, concrete or asphalt walkways, concrete or asphalt driveways, porch, roof, plumbing, electrical systems, windows, storm windows, exterior doors, storm doors, drywall, paneling, acoustic or drop ceiling panels, flooring materials, stair systems, plumbing fixtures, heat distribution systems, central air conditioning systems, gutters, and downspouts; Installation of enclosure systems, encapsulation systems, carbon monoxide or smoke detectors, energy-efficient fixtures or appliances, appliances, hot water tank, fixtures including health and safety measures and ADA-adaptive measures and including necessary conversion.

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**Estimated Project Cost:** The total estimated project cost is \$2,000,000, of which approximately \$2,000,000 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 Mary Barnwell, Compliance Manager, Department of Community Development, City of Cleveland via email at [CDPublicComment@clevelandohio.gov](mailto:CDPublicComment@clevelandohio.gov) or by mail to 601 Lakeside Ave E Room 320, Cleveland, OH 44114. All comments received by May 13, 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 Mary Barnwell, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Compliance 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 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](mailto: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.

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor  
City of Cleveland

Mary Barnwell, Compliance Manager  
City of Cleveland  
Department of Community Development