

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Multnomah County CDBG Program
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On or about August 1, 2017 the Multnomah County's CDBG Program will **submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds** under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, Public Law 93-383, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

Mini Home Rehabs and Home Repair Programs

This is a multiyear project 2017 -2020 where the county may be carrying out minor rehabilitation on single family homes (1 to 4 family dwellings). The project area is the Multnomah County CDBG Entitlement Area, which includes the cities of Fairview, Wood Village, Maywood Park, and Troutdale as well as unincorporated areas of the county. Multnomah County policy will exclude project activities for homes in the 100-year floodplain or floodways, unless the homeowner provides proof of flood insurance. The mini rehabilitation activities include: Minor rehabilitation of owner occupied single family homes who apply to the program and minor rehabilitation of single family rental homes owned by landlords who apply to the program. It is estimated that 176 single family occupied units will be rehabilitated over the life of the program. In most cases, households are low-income seniors and/or people with disabilities. The Multnomah County CDBG Program will assist low-to-moderate-income homes with approximately \$134,200 CDBG funds if approved by Board of County Commissioners annually. The actual funding for the program is identified in the County's Annual Action Plan.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Specific locations of individual units to be repaired cannot be determined prior to the completion of the county's Area-Wide Environmental Review and the Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Multnomah County, as the Responsible Entity (RE), is using the Tiered Environmental Review process under HUD Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.15. The RROF will be in effect for three years from the acceptance date, in conjunction with CDBG Consortium's Consolidated Plan for 2016-2020.

Multnomah County's CDBG Program has completed its first tier review of the Mini Home Rehabs and Home Repair Grant Programs. The City identified a number of laws and authorities that can be considered on an area-wide basis, including: Floodplain Management (24 CFR Part 55 and Executive Order 11988), The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, The Endangered Species Act (50 CFR Part 402). The Clean Air, The Farmland Protection Act of 1981, Wetlands Protection (Executive Order 11990), Sole Source Aquifers (the Safe Drinking Water Act, 40 CFR Part 149), The Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898, The Noise Abatement and

Control Standard (CFR part 51B), The Explosive and Flammable Operations Standard (24 CFR Part 51C) and The Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones (24 CFR Part 51D).

In the second tier review, the county has identified laws and authorities that must be analyzed with site specific environmental review for each Housing Repair Program Project. These laws include: Historic Preservation (36 CFR Part 800), Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, and Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials (24 CFR, Part 58.5 (i)). Under Historic Preservation, if any property is identified as eligible for the national register, the proposed rehabilitation will meet Secretary of the Interior Standards. Under Flood Disaster Protection, any project located in the 100-year flood plain will maintain flood insurance in the amount of the rehabilitation. For Toxic Hazards, the project will be clear of hazards that impact health and safety of occupants.

Public Comments: Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on this ERR to Multnomah County's CDBG Program - Home Repair Grant Program at the address below. **All comments must be received by August 5, 2017** will be considered by the Multnomah County prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) and documents the environmental determinations for this project, and may be examined or copied weekdays, from 8:30 to 4:30 pm., at DCHS/Youth & Family Services Division – CDBG Program, 421 SW Oak Street, Suite 200, Portland OR 97204.

Environmental Certification: Multnomah County certifies to HUD that Rose Bak in her capacity as Co-Director of the Youth & Family Services Division 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 Multnomah County to use CDBG Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds: The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development will consider objections to its release of funds and the Multnomah County's certification received by **August 22, 2017** or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the Multnomah County approved by HUD; (b) Multnomah County 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development at Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Federal Building, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 400 Portland, OR, 97204. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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