

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 30, 2024
City of Corona
Community Services Department
400 S. Vicentia Avenue
Corona, CA 92882
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On or about September 10, 2024 the City of Corona will submit a request to the United States 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, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to initiate a project known as the Housing Rehabilitation Program (HRP), with a maximum inclusion of 30 dwellings, for the purpose of assisting owner-occupants with the preservation of their homes in an effort to address hazardous conditions, conditions which are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare and to enhance the quality of the City's existing housing stock, thereby avoiding deterioration and blight in residential neighborhoods.

During the period of September 25, 2024, through June 30, 2029, approximately \$1,250,000 of Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships funding may be used to provide assistance for eligible housing repairs. The area of consideration for this program is the area within the City of Corona city limits.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Corona, Community Services Department located at 400 S. Vicentia Avenue, Corona, CA 92882 and may be examined or copied during normal business hours Monday – Thursday, 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

The City will use the Tiered II Environmental Review format to supplement this ERR with additional site-specific reviews further addressing Airport Hazards, Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, and Historic Preservation, prior to approving any grant or loan under this program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Corona, Community Services Department. All comments received by 6:00 PM on September 9, 2024, will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

City certifies to HUD that Cynthia Lara, in her capacity as Community Assistance 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 to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to the Responsible Entity's (RE) Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date specified above 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; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58, as applicable; (c) the City 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 - Los Angeles Field Office of Community Planning and Development, 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Suite #4054, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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