

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT
Programmatic Agreements between the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer
and the City of Grand Rapids

A public hearing will be held to receive comment on the effect of activities funded through certain federal programs on the character of properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The hearing will be held Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS) University building, 1400 Fuller Avenue, NE.

The City of Grand Rapids has two agreements with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) that outline stipulations to be adhered to for the City to comply with its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for certain programs and activities funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Section 106 requires federal or federally-delegated agencies to take into consideration the effects of their undertakings on historic properties.

Agreement Regarding Administration of Certain Housing and Community Development Programs.

This agreement covers non-lead hazard reduction activities implemented with funds from the following programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG).

Agreement Regarding the Administration of Lead Hazard Reduction Programs and Activities.

This agreement covers lead hazard reduction activities implemented with funds from the Lead Hazard Control Program and the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program, and emergency lead hazard reduction activities funded with CDBG and HOME funds.

Planned activities and the allocation of resources for the program year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, which will be carried out pursuant to the terms of the Programmatic Agreements, are identified in the draft FY 2024 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan. Funding for programs under the FY 2024 Plan are anticipated as follows: CDBG (\$5,009,893), HOME (\$2,385,122), and ESG (\$327,301). Performance of program activities carried out pursuant to the terms of the Programmatic Agreements during the period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 is also available for review in the FY 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The Programmatic Agreements, the draft Annual Action Plan, and the CAPER are available for public review at www.grcd.info. Comments may be made during the public hearing or submitted in writing to the Community Development Department prior to 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2023. Comments regarding the effectiveness of the agreements may also be submitted to Ms. Martha MacFarlane-Faes, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan 48913 and/or Ms. Jaime Loichinger, Assistant Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 401 F Street, NW, Suite 308, Washington D.C. 20001-2637.

Persons needing disability-related or language accommodations to access the hearing or comment opportunity, please contact the Community Development Department at 456-3677.