

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROGRAMS

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On or after June 9, 2026, the City of Grand Rapids will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following program in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent:

Tier 1 Broad Review Program Title: City of Grand Rapids Housing Rehabilitation

Purpose: To rehabilitate homes owned and occupied by low- and moderate-income residents.

Location: Throughout the City of Grand Rapids. Specific addresses will be assessed in site specific reviews.

Program Description: The program provides financial and technical assistance to assist low- and moderate-income households with repairs to their homes. The program aids homeowners in determining what repairs are needed and provides guidance in selecting a contractor and obtaining inspections to assure repairs are of good quality. Financial assistance is provided in the form of loans and/or grants. It is anticipated 45 homes will be rehabilitated during the 7/1/26 - 12/31/28 period of performance. Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when the address becomes known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i)

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: Site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review: Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, and Historic Preservation.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits: Flood Insurance: Each site will be evaluated using a FEMA FIRMette map to determine if it is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Flood insurance will be required for any property located within a SFHA. Contamination and Toxic Substances: Site specific evaluation will be completed to ensure each site is free of contamination and toxic substances which could affect the health or safety of occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property. Historic Preservation: Each site proposed for rehabilitation will be reviewed for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended. The review will be carried-out pursuant to the terms outlined in the current Programmatic Agreement in place between the City of Grand Rapids and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer.

Estimated Program Cost and CDBG Funding: \$850,000.

The proposed activity is categorically excluded from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this program is on file at the City of Grand Rapids 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 ERR to the City of Grand Rapids, attention Suite 460, at the address listed above or to communitydev@grcity.us. All comments received by June 8, 2026 will be considered by the City of Grand Rapids prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Grand Rapids certifies to HUD that Mark Washington, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as City 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 Grand Rapids to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Grand Rapids' certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date 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 of Grand Rapids; (b) the City of Grand Rapids 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 program 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 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Detroit Field Office, 477 Michigan Avenue, Suite 1600, Detroit, MI 48226, attention Keith E. Hernandez, Director, Community Planning and Development or DetroitCPD@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mark Washington, Certifying Officer