

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

July 9, 2025
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On or after July 21, 2025, the City of Fresno will submit a request to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Housing Rehabilitation and Senior Exterior Repair Programs

Purpose: Provide home repair programs to low/mod income households.

Location: Programs will be offered citywide and specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.

Project/Program Description: The City of Fresno and a selected Subrecipient will implement Senior Exterior Repair and Housing Rehabilitation Programs to low/mod income households with \$1,315,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. The programs are available to eligible owner-occupied single-family homeowners throughout the city with income at or below 80% of the area median income. The programs provide for interior and/or exterior home repairs including but not limited to, flooring, water heaters, roofs, rain gutters, doors, locks, accessibility, minor electrical and plumbing; and use lead-safe work practices or standard treatments to address lead-based paint hazards found in the interior or exterior of the home. Approximately 50 low/mod income household units will be assisted. The 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 addresses are identified.

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: Airport Hazards, Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Floodplain Management, and Historic Preservation.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):

Airport Hazards: Project sites will be evaluated to determine proximity to airports and home repairs needed. Projects located in Runway Protection or Clear Zones may not be eligible for funding.

Flood Insurance: Houses located in flood hazard areas are not eligible for funding.

Contamination and Toxic Substances: Hazards found will be mitigated or the project will not be eligible for funding.

Explosive and Flammable Hazards: Hazards found will be mitigated or the project will not be eligible for funding.

Floodplain Management: Houses located in flood areas are not eligible for funding.

Historic Preservation: Repair activity will be evaluated per the programmatic agreement.

Historic homes affected will require consultation with SHPO and any adverse effects identified must be resolved before project approval.

Estimated Project Cost: \$1,315,000

The activity/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). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3065, Fresno, CA 93721. Copies may be requested by e-mail to HCDD@fresno.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Fresno, Community Development Division, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3065, Fresno, CA 93721 or by email at HCDD@fresno.gov (include Housing Rehabilitation ER in the subject line). All comments received by July 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. will be considered by the City of Fresno prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Fresno certifies to HUD that Georgeanne A. White, Certifying Officer, in her 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 Fresno to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City's environmental 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 one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Fresno; (b) the City 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, San Francisco Regional Office, One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104 or by email at RROFSFRO@HUD.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Georgeanne A. White, City Manager, Certifying Officer