

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

On or about May 28, 2020, the City of York will submit a request to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) (Act), to undertake the following projects:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Acquisition/Disposition Program – Citywide, Multi-Year, Non-Site Specific The program will provide funds to acquire residential properties for resale for continued residential use. Program activities are limited to acquisition and resale of an estimated 5 residential properties (1/yr) by the Redevelopment Authority to eligible buyers for continued residential use. Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 Broad Level Review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5 and 58.35 (a)(5): Acquisition (including leasing) or disposition of, or equity loans on an existing structure, or acquisition (including leasing) of vacant land provided that the structure or land acquired, financed or disposed of will be retained for the same use.

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood Insurance, Contaminants and Toxic Substances, Explosives and Hazardous Materials, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, Noise and Environmental Justice.

Estimated Project Cost: \$20,000 (FY 2020); \$80,000 (FY 2021-FY 2024)

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Demolition Program – Citywide, Multi-Year, Non-Site Specific The program will provide funds to demolish blighted properties in the City. Program activities are limited to an estimated 15 blighted properties (3/yr) by the City or Redevelopment Authority to achieve spot blight removal with open space as the post-demolition use. Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 Broad Level Review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5 and 58.35 (a)(4): An individual action on a one-to four-family dwelling or, on a project of five or more units developed on scattered sites.

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Contaminants and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, Endangered Species, and Environmental Justice.

Estimated Project Cost: \$136,559 (FY 2020); \$680,000 (FY 2020-FY 2024)

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Public Infrastructure Improvements Program –Citywide, Multi-Year, Non-Site Specific The program will provide funds to improve existing infrastructure including reconstruction or repaving of an anticipated 11,450 LF (2,290 LF/yr) of roads, sidewalks and curbs (including installation of ADA curb cuts at intersections). In some cases materials may not be replaced in-kind in order to meet ADA specification or to add aesthetic quality to the project such as decorative brick work or stamped concrete.

Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 Broad Level Review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a) and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5. 58.35(a)(1) Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction or rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements (other than buildings) when the facilities and improvements are in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity of more

than 20 percent (e.g., replacement of water or sewer lines, reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks, repaving of streets).

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Contaminants and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, and Environmental Justice.

Estimated Project Cost: \$326,346 (FY 2020); \$1,500,000 (est.) (FY 2020-FY 2024)

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Public Facilities Improvements Program –Citywide, Multi-Year, Non-Site Specific The program will provide funds to improve existing public facilities (e.g., libraries, parks, community buildings, etc.) including both interior and exterior improvements involving repair, replacement, rehabilitation, reconstruction and installation of property elements. Such elements may include doors, windows, floors, roofs, walls, partitions, electrical systems, HVAC, water and sewer lines, plumbing, flooring cabinets and appliances, energy conservation and efficiency improvements, etc. Exterior improvements may include replacement of streets, curbs, sidewalks, water/sewer lines and parking areas (but not paving of previously unpaved areas) landscaping improvements, lighting improvements, and installation of garbage receptacles, bike racks, and similar small streetscaping items. Interior and exterior improvements may include ADA/accessibility improvements. All work will take place at previously disturbed sites at existing facilities. **Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 Broad Level Review for each address under this program when addresses become known.**

Level of Environmental Review Citation: Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a) and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5. 58.35(a)(1) Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction or rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements (other than buildings) when the facilities and improvements are in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity of more than 20 percent (e.g., replacement of water or sewer lines, reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks, repaving of streets).

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood Insurance, Contaminants and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, Noise, and Environmental Justice.

Estimated Project Cost: \$275,000 (est.) (FY 2020-FY 2024)

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Housing Rehabilitation Program – Citywide, Multi-Year, Non-Site Specific The program will provide funds to rehabilitate owner-occupied single family homes. Rehabilitation activities will include but not be limited to window/door removal and replacement, replacement of flooring, removal/replacement of roof components and gutters, improvements to HVAC systems, improvements to electrical and plumbing systems, improvements to kitchen areas including removal/replacement of cabinets and appliances, improvements to bathrooms including removal/replacement of tubs, sinks, vanities and toilets as well as ADA improvements, improvements to interior walls including new sheetrock and painting, exterior improvements including the installation of vinyl siding and painting, porch improvements and sidewalk/walkway improvement, as well as any other general housing improvement work. The improvements will not increase the structure's capacity and will not involve additions or expansion of the structure.

Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 Broad Level Review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5 and 58.35 (a)(4)(ii)An individual action on a project of five or more housing units developed on scattered sites when the sites are more than 2,000 feet apart and there are not more than four housing units on any one site.

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood Insurance, Contaminants and Toxic Substances,

Explosives and Hazardous Materials, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, Noise and Environmental Justice.

Estimated Project Cost: \$40,000 (FY 2020); \$200,000 (FY 2020-FY 2024)

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 58.35(a). Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the City of York Attn: Bureau of Housing Services 101 South George Street, P.O. Box 509, York, PA 17405 or by email to jrosby@yorkcity.org. The ERR can be accessed online at www.yorkcity.org.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of York Attn: Bureau of Housing Services 101 South George Street, P.O. Box 509, York, PA 17405 or by email to jrosby@yorkcity.org. All comments received by May 27, 2020 will be considered by the City of York prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of York certifies to HUD that Michael Helfrich, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of York, 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 York to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of York's 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 the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of York; (b) the City of York has omitted a step or failed to make a determination 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Philadelphia Office of Community Planning and Development at CPD_COVID-19EE-PHI@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Philadelphia via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael Helfrich, Mayor, Certifying Officer