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Subject: Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (RROF) for the Fiscal Year 2018
Community Development Block Grant
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS For CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED & TIERED PROJECTS

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On or about July 17, 2018, the City of New Albany will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the projects/activities known as and for the purpose of the following:

1. Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Minor Housing Rehabilitation: \$108,384, Project/Program Description: for the purpose of minor (emergency) repair/rehabilitation for low-and moderate-income homeowners in the City's CDBG Target Areas (Location of specific sites to be determined) including replacing/repairing roofs; furnace repairs/installation, electrical, plumbing, windows, etc., and other repairs that are meant to sustain the property. 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 become known. Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site specific review will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood Insurance, Floodplain Management and Historic Preservation.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: Per 58.35 (a)(3)(i).

2. Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Clearance & Demolition: \$10,000. Project/Program Description: for the purpose of removal of dilapidated housing including structures (garages/sheds), which have deteriorated to a condition beyond feasible rehabilitation and that pose a threat to public health and safety to the community (Location of specific sites to be determined). 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 become known. Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site specific review will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood Insurance, Floodplain Management and Historic Preservation.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: Per 58.35 (a)(4)(i)



3. Tiered 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Sidewalk Spot Improvements: \$467,265. Project/Program Description: for the purpose of Spot Basis sidewalks improvements are planned where deteriorated sidewalks restrict connections that can benefit pedestrians, walk-ability & livability (Location in low-moderate-income census tracts on Union and Oak Streets). ADA compliant ramps are included as well as retaining walls where needed. These improvements are in a low-and moderate-income census tracts on Union and Oak Streets. Level of Environmental Review Citation: Per 58.35 (a)(1)

4. CEST Project/Program Title: Park Facility Improvements: \$368,451. Continued improvements at one of the oldest park facilities in the City, Griffin Street Neighborhood Park Center that will include exterior and interior (but not limited to HVAC system and gymnasium flooring) stabilization and improvements. Level of Environmental Review Citation: Per 58.35 (a)(3)(iii).

The projects/activities proposed are Categorical Excluded under HUD Regulations at 24 CFR PART 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per the citations listed above. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects are on file at the above address and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., or on HUD's website at www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review-records.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record (ERR) to the City of New Albany, Department of Redevelopment, Room 325, City-County Building, 311 Hauss Square, New Albany, IN 47150. The complete Environmental Review Record may be reviewed in the Department of Redevelopment, Room 325, City-County Building, 311 Hauss Square, New Albany, IN or on HUD's website at www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review-records. All comments received on or before July 16, 2018, will be considered by the City of New Albany prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of New Albany certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Jeff M. Gahan, Certifying Officer in his capacity as Mayor 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 New Albany to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of New Albany'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 it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of New Albany; (b) the City of New Albany 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 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Indianapolis Area Office, at 575 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2526. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jeff M. Gahan, Mayor
City of New Albany