

New Albany Redevelopment Commission

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All Interested Parties

From:

Josh Staten, Director of Redevelopment

Subject:

Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (RROF) for the Fiscal Year 2021

Community Development Block Grant

Date:

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS For CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED & TIERED PROJECTS

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On or about June 22, 2021, 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: Minor Housing Rehabilitation \$130,000. Minor (emergency) repairs/rehabilitation for low-and moderate-income (80% AMI) homeowners in the City's CDBG Target Areas (preferred) including furnace and water heater installation; plumbing and electrical repairs, roof replacement, windows, etc., and other repairs meant to sustain the property. A Tier 2 Site Specific Review 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. The site specific review will cover the following laws and authorities: Flood Insurance, Floodplain Management and Historic Preservation. Citation: Per 58.35 (a)(3)(i).
- 2. CEST Review: Elm Street & Spot Basis Sidewalk Improvements \$191,014. Continuation of the Elm Street and other spot basis improvements of deteriorated sidewalks that restrict connections that benefit pedestrians including curbs, gutters, retaining walls, drainage and ADA compliant ramps. Citation: Per 58.35 (a)(1).
- 3. CEST Review: Park Facility Improvements: \$130,000. Project Description: Griffin Center improvements will continue with removal and replacement of floor tile throughout the facility, security & wifi upgrades, and basket ball goals, etc. Citation: Per 58.35 (a)(3)(iii).

The projects/activities proposed are Categorically 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 or via email to jstaten@cityofnewalbany.com. 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 June 21, 2021, will be considered by the City of New Albany prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of New Albany certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Josh Staten in his capacity as Redevelopment Director and Mayor delegate 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.

Josh Staten, Redevelopment Director

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