

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 29, 2025

City of Columbus
Department of Finance and Management
90 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-645-8600

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 6, 2025, the City of Columbus will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as Framingham Village HVAC Improvements for the purpose of improving HVAC systems at the Framingham Village apartment community, located at 3333 Deserette Lane in the City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. The total HUD-funded amount is \$201,922, and the total estimated project cost is \$201,922.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Department of Finance and Management at the above address, and the ERR is available via email by contacting the City of Columbus Grants Management team at grantsmgmt@columbus.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Columbus, Department of Finance and Management at grantsmgmt@columbus.gov. All comments received by August 5, 2025 will be considered by the City of Columbus prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Columbus certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Christopher Long in his capacity as Director, Department of Finance and Management 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 Columbus to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Columbus'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 one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Columbus; (b) the City of Columbus 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 Columbus Field Office at email address CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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