

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF FLORISSANT
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FLORISSANT, MO 63031
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
July 6, 2021**

To All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

On **July 21, 2021** (or one day after the end of the comment period, whichever is later), the City of Florissant will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

1. Home Improvement Program (\$125,112): to provide up to a \$5,000 forgivable loan to a limited number of eligible low/moderate income households throughout Florissant to make improvements involving safety and code violations or accessibility issues. This activity is categorically excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, subject to 24 CFR 58.5. After specific projects have been identified, project-specific Environmental Review Records (ERRs) that document the environmental determination for this activity will be on file at the Government Building. If compliance actions are required, appropriate notices will be disseminated or published.
2. Home Improvement Program - Mechanical (\$60,000): to provide up to a \$5,000 grant to a limited number of eligible low/moderate income households throughout Florissant for the replacement of HVAC. This activity is categorically excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, subject to 24 CFR 58.5. After specific projects have been identified, project-specific Environmental Review Records (ERRs) that document the environmental determination for this activity will be on file at the Government Building. If compliance actions are required, appropriate notices will be disseminated or published.
3. Project IMPACT (\$10,000): Funds will be expended to provide materials for wheelchair ramps built by volunteers or ADA compliant contractors. Funds will also be used to purchase materials and supplies for homes being rehabbed by volunteers. These homeowners are low income or disabled residents. This activity is categorically excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, subject to 24 CFR 58.5. After specific projects have been identified, project-specific Environmental Review Records (ERRs) that document the environmental determination for this activity will be on file at the Government Building. If compliance actions are required, appropriate notices will be disseminated or published.
4. Mortgage, Rental & Utility Assistance (\$11,000): This program provides mortgage, rental, and utility assistance program to serve low- to moderate-income households facing emergency or severe temporary economic hardship and was awarded to CAASTLC in September 2016. This program is designed to help residents stay in their homes, whether they are home owners or renters. This activity is Categorically Excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, *not* subject to 24 CFR 58.5. After specific projects have been identified, a review of 24 CFR 58.6 will be completed and the records will be on file at the Government Building.
5. Program Administration: to provide for the salary, benefits, and training of the program administrator. This activity is Exempt under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this activity is on file at the Government Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Community Development Office, Government Building, 1055 rue St. Francois, Florissant, MO 63031. All comments received by **July 21, 2021** (or the posting date plus ten days, whichever is later) will be considered by the City of Florissant prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Florissant certifies to H.U.D. that Timothy Lowery, 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 will be satisfied. H.U.D.'s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Florissant to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

H.U.D. will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Florissant '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 Florissant; (b) the City of Florissant has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by H.U.D. 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 H.U.D.; 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: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Planning and Development Division, 1222 Spruce, Street, Room 6.101, St. Louis, MO 63103-2836 or CPD_GeneralCorr-STL@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact H.U.D. to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Timothy Lowery, Mayor
City of Florissant, Missouri