



# WATERLOO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

May 1, 2024  
City of Waterloo, Community Development Department  
620 Mulberry St.  
Waterloo, IA 50703  
Phone: 319-291-4429  
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On or about May 16, 2024 the City of Waterloo, Community Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Healthy Homes Production Grant Program funds under Section 501 and Section 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. §§ 1701z-1 and 1701z-2), and funding is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022). To undertake a project known as Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for the purpose of addressing environmental health and safety hazards in 100 homes located in the City of Waterloo. Grant funds will be used for personnel costs, training, housing rehabilitation activities, outreach and education, assessments, clearance testing, travel, consumable supplies, relocation costs, and other direct costs. The City of Waterloo acting by and through its Community Development is requesting the Release of grant funds in the amount of \$1,999,991.00 in Healthy Homes Production Grant funds. Community Development Block Grant matching funds in the amount of \$335,157.20 will also be utilized for the 42 month grant period which begins April 15, 2024 through October 15, 2027.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirement but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at §58.5 of 24 CFR 58. In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target area listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be compiled with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area has been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been established in this Tier 1 review. These include Airport Hazards, Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Air Quality, Coastal Zone Management Act, Endangered Species, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Farmland Protection, Noise Abatement and Control, Sole Source Aquifers, Wetlands Protection, and Wild and Scenic Rivers. Site-specific environmental reviews will include compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program listed above:

- Flood Insurance
- Floodplain Management
- Environmental Justice
- Contamination and Toxic Substances
- Historic Preservation

Should individual projects exceed the threshold for categorical exclusion detailed at §58.35(a), an Environmental Assessment will be completed and a separate Finding of No Significant Impact and Request for Release of Funds published. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Community Development Department, 620 Mulberry St. Carnegie Annex Suite 202, Waterloo, Iowa 50703 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M. You may also request documents via email at [tracey.southall@waterloo-ia.org](mailto:tracey.southall@waterloo-ia.org)

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Community Development, 620 Mulberry St. Carnegie Annex Suite 202, Waterloo, Iowa 50703. You may also email [tracey.southall@waterloo-ia.org](mailto:tracey.southall@waterloo-ia.org) All comments received by May 15, 2024 will be considered by the City of Waterloo Community Development Department prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Waterloo, Community Development Department certifies to HUD that Quentin Hart in his capacity as Mayor, City of Waterloo 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 Waterloo, Community Development Department to use program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Waterloo, Community Development Department 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 Waterloo (b) the City of Waterloo 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:

David Nuccio, Program Environmental Clearance Officer  
Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes  
451 7<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20410

1-612-843-6417, Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Quentin Hart, Mayor, City of Waterloo