

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

September 27, 2019

**City of Waukegan, Community Development Block Grant Department
100 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Waukegan, IL 60085
847-599-2530**

On or about **October 14, 2019**, the City of Waukegan will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under *Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974*, to undertake a project known as 2019 Housing Rehabilitation Program for income qualified homeowners to be determined in the City of Waukegan. The City will utilize \$191,752.00 of its 2019 allocation to fund this program.

The activities proposed *are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements or alternative*. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Community Development Block Grant Department at the City of Waukegan located at 100 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Waukegan, IL 60085. The ERR can also be viewed at www.waukeganil.gov under Block Grant and may be examined or copied weekdays 8am to 5pm and at <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>.

TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with 24 CFR §58.15, for the 2019 Housing Rehabilitation Program, the City has complied with the following related laws and authorities as part of Tier I of the ERR: Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Clean Air Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Endangered Species Act, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Farmland Protection Policy Act, Safe Drinking Water Act and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Tier II of the ERR will address the following related laws and authorities for each individual property: Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones, Flood Disaster Protection, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, Noise Abatement, Wetlands and Environmental Justice.

If findings are determined as a result of the site specific reviews in Tier II that will not be corrected for that site, it will be treated as a separate project and a separate ERR will be completed for the site.

If no findings or findings that will be mitigated during construction on a specific site are determined the project will proceed without further notice to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Wayne Bailey, Rehabilitation Coordinator, City of Waukegan. Mr. Bailey can be reached at the address above, by telephone at 847-599-2530 or via email at wayne.bailey@waukeganil.gov. All comments received by **October 14, 2019** will be considered by the City of Waukegan Community Development Block Grant Department prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Waukegan Community Development Block Grant Department certifies to the *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development* that Samuel Cunningham 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 Waukegan to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the *RE'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 Waukegan; (b) the *RE* 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 Chicago Field Office Attention: Donald Kathan, Director* at 77 West Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60604. Potential objectors should contact *HUD* to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Samuel Cunningham
Mayor