

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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On or about April 1, 2025, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the FY 2022/2023 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant and Healthy Homes Supplemental. The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LHR) Grant Program is authorized by section 1011 of the Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) (42 U.S.C. 4852), and section 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 and 1701z-2). Funding for this program is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103, approved March 15, 2022), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024). Grant details are as follows: the Lead Hazard Reduction program, including the Healthy Homes Supplemental grant award, will operate statewide to remediate lead-based paint and home health hazards in the homes of eligible households. Subgrantees will support program delivery efforts, to achieve the program's target of serving 192 households. DHCD is requesting the release of \$7,392,000, which includes \$700,000 in Healthy Homes Supplemental Funding. An additional \$670,000 will be offered as a match.

The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this program are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 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 areas listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target areas have been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been achieved in this Tier 1 review: Coastal Barrier Resources; Air Quality; Endangered Species; Explosive and Flammable Hazards; Farmlands Protection; Sole Source Aquifers; Wetlands Protection; Wild and Scenic Rivers; and Environmental Justice. Site-specific environmental reviews will include analysis of and compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program listed above: Airport Hazards; Flood Insurance; Coastal Zone Management; Contamination and Toxic Substances; Floodplain Management; Historic Preservation; and Noise Abatement and Control. Should individual aggregate 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, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, is on file at DHCD, 600 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219. It may be examined or copied weekdays 9 a.m. to

5:00 p.m. The ERR may be viewed at [www.dhcd.virginia.gov/lhr](http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/lhr) and an email request for an electronic copy may be sent to Susan Hill at [susan.hill@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:susan.hill@dhcd.virginia.gov).

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to DHCD electronically to [susan.hill@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:susan.hill@dhcd.virginia.gov). All comments received by March 31, 2025 will be considered by DHCD prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD certifies to HUD that Bryan Horn, in his official capacity as Director, 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 DHCD to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and DHCD certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date (cited above) or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of DHCD; (b) DHCD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) DHCD has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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), and may be addressed to HUD and sent to the email address as follows: David Robbins or David Nuccio, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development [LeadRegulations@HUD.GOV](mailto:LeadRegulations@HUD.GOV) Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

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