

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 9, 2025

Hennepin County

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On or about **May 19, 2025** Hennepin County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Healthy Homes Production Grant Program (HHP) is authorized under 501 and Section 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. §§ 1701z-1 and 1701z-2), and funding for this program is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024) for the following multi-year program/project: Healthy Homes Production Grant 2024, for the purpose of identifying and mitigating health and safety repairs such as radon mitigation, indoor air quality, fall prevention, and addressing moisture, safety and accessibility issues creating healthy and safe homes for families and older adults in Hennepin County. Hennepin County is requesting the release of \$2,000,000 in Healthy Homes Production grant funds, which will be matched by \$320,000 for the period of March 1, 2025, through September 1, 2028.

The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this/these program(s) is/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 area(s) listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area(s) has/have been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been achieved in this Tier 1 review: Airport Hazards, Air Quality, Coastal Barriers Resources, Coastal Zone Management, Endangered Species, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Farmland Protection, Noise Abatement and Control, Sole Source Aquifers, Wetland Protection, Wild and Scenic Rivers and Environmental Justice. Site-specific environmental reviews will include compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program(s) listed above: Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, and Historic Preservation. 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 **Hennepin County Housing and Economic Development 625 4th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55415**. and may be examined or copied weekdays **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** by appointment. The Review can be requested via email to the address isak.collins@hennepin.us or viewed at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Hennepin County. All comments received by **May 16, 2025**, will be considered by Hennepin County prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Hennepin County certifies to HUD that Kevin Dockry in his official capacity as Chief Housing and Economic Development Officer 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 Hennepin County to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and Hennepin County 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 Hennepin County (b) Hennepin County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) Hennepin County 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 E. Robbins, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at David.e.robbins@hud.gov and/or OLHCHHPECOS@hud.gov Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

Kevin Dockry/ Chief Housing and Economic Development Officer