

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

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City of Bristol
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On or after October 1 2024 the City of Bristol will submit a request to the Richmond Virginia HUD Field Office for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Emergency Home Repair Program

Purpose: The purpose of the Emergency Repair program is to assist existing low-to-moderate income homeowners with the repair and/or rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes.

Location: Within Bristol City, Virginia limits.

Project/Program Description: Activities include handicapped accessibility as well as emergency repairs that provide for certain elements of a housing unit being replaced due to emergency situations. These can include a leaking roof, installation or repair of an HVAC system, etc. All home repair projects that are not exempted will be tested for radon. Mitigation will be performed if required. Tier 2 site-specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: *24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i)*

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review:

Contamination and Toxic Substances: [24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)] (HUD Standard)

Floodplain Management: [Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55]

Historic Preservation: [National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 & 110; 36 CFR Part 800]; and

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):

Flood Insurance: All projects in FEMA-designated (FFRMS) will be required to maintain flood insurance. Therefore, all site-specific reviews will include a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FEMA Firm) or a map from the Federal Flood Standard Support Tool. Projects required to have flood insurance will provide proof of insurance.

Contamination and Toxic Substance: Each site-specific project will be inspected for hazardous or toxic materials. Given the small scale of these projects, little can be done to remediate for toxics or

contamination within the scope of this action. However, all properties which are not otherwise exempt from radon testing will be tested, and mitigation performed as required.

Floodplain Management: There are small portions of the City of Bristol that are located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). All actions will be mapped on FEMA-issued Flood Insurance Rate Maps and/or the Federal Flood Standard Support Tool. Any site-specific projects located in any Flood Plains of Concern will either be rejected or go through the 8-step process.

Historic Preservation: The City of Bristol contains four designated historic districts which include many of its targeted older homes needing rehab. Additionally, housing stock is very old which also means that certain rehab activities have the potential to affect an historic property. The SHPO will be consulted on all site-specific projects to ensure the City is in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly Section 106, and to ensure that all actions are consistent with historic standards.

Estimated Project Cost: \$300,000 in HUD funds to cover a five-year period.

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per *give citation listed above*. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Bristol City Hall, 300 Lee Street, Room 108, Bristol, VA 24201 and on the City website at www.bristolva.org and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M. or at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Room 108, Office of the Community Development Specialist, 300 Lee Street, Bristol VA 24201, ellen.tolton@bristolva.org, 276-645-7473. All comments received by October 1 2024 will be considered by the Community Development Specialist prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Bristol certifies to the Virginia U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Randall C. Eads, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as City Manager 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. The Virginia U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development office' approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Bristol to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Virginia U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development office will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Bristol'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 Bristol; (b) the City of Bristol 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 the Virginia U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development office; 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 emailed to CPDRROFRIC@hud.gov , Attention: Mr. Ronnie J. Legette, Sr., Director, Community Planning and Development Division. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (800) 842-2610, Extension 4881, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Randall C. Eads, City Manager, Certifying Officer