

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 28th, 2025

Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie

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On or about April 4th, 2025, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie 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. 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: Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration program (PALHD0571-24), for the purposes assessing up to 180 eligible residential units within Erie County for the presence of lead-based paint hazards, and of and mitigating such hazards in 145 of those units. This project will extend across 48 months, and will prioritize low- to moderate-income households with: Young children who have documented elevated blood lead levels; children aged five or under in residence; one child aged five or under in residence; one or more children aged five or under visit regularly; and other eligible/qualified households. The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie is requesting the release of \$5,250,940.00 in total funding for this program.

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 has been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been achieved in this Tier 1 review: Airport Hazards, Coastal Barrier Resources, Air Quality, Coastal Zone Management, Endangered Species, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Farmlands Protection, Floodplain Management, Noise Abatement and Control, 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(s) listed above: Flood Insurance, Historic Preservation, Contamination and Toxic Substances 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 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie, located at 626 State Street, Room 107, Erie, PA 16501, on the internet at redeveloperie.org, or via email request made to intake@redeveloperie.org, and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie. All comments received by April 3rd, 2025, will be considered by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie certifies to HUD that Aaron Snippert in his official capacity as Executive 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 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie 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 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie; (b) the (Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie 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 Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

Aaron Snippert, Executive Director