

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

**April 10, 2024**

City of Gary, Indiana  
Community Development Department  
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On or after April 22, 2024 the City of Gary will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

**Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title:** Accessibility Program

**Purpose:** This program will assist homeowners, regardless of age, that have physical disabilities, and are unable to get in or out of their home for the purpose of providing disabled access to get in and out of their home. The City of Gary has been receiving an influx of calls from disabled residents inquiring about disabled access ramps.

**Location:** The disabled access ramps will be installed at single-family owner-occupied properties within the City of Gary Corporate Boundaries based on the income qualification of the household. Specific addresses are unknown at this time.

**Project/Program Description:** CDBG funds will provide grants for disabled access ramps only for low to moderate income single-family owner-occupied homeowners, within the City of Gary Corporate Boundaries, with physical disabilities who are unable to get in or out of their home. An accessible ramp grant, up to a maximum of \$15,000, may be awarded to income eligible homeowners, regardless of age, for the purpose of providing disabled access to get in and out of their home. The amount of the total cost of the ramp cannot exceed \$15,000. Approximately 6 low to moderate income (0-80% MFI) households will be assisted with 2023 Program Year funds and it is anticipated that a maximum total of 20 low to moderate income (0-80% MFI) households will be assisted over the next three (3) years. This record will be valid for three (3) years. **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: Airport Hazards, Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, and Environmental Justice.

**Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):** At the time of the Tier 2 site specific review, any identified issues, mitigation measures, conditions, or required permits, will be addressed by the City of Gary CDBG program staff.

**Estimated Project Cost:** CDBG \$100,000

**The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of Gary Community Development Department, 401 Broadway, Suite 300, Gary, IN 46402 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Gary Community Development Department, 401 Broadway, Suite 300, Gary, IN 46402 or [eaoponte@gary.gov](mailto:eaoponte@gary.gov).**

**All comments received by April 18, 2024 will be considered by the City of Gary Community Development Department prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

**The City of Gary certifies to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Eddie D. Melton 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. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Gary to use HUD program funds.**

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Gary'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 Gary; (b) the City of Gary 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Indianapolis, Field Office, 575 N. Pennsylvania St., Suite 655, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Potential objectors should contact U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Eddie D. Melton, Mayor