

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 19, 2024

City of Gary, Indiana
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On or about March 27, 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 project known as:

Accessibility Program (\$100,000), community-wide

The activity proposed is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects are 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 Division of Community Development. All comments received by March 26, 2024 will be considered by the City of Gary prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Gary certifies to the 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. The 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 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