

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

**March 24, 2025**

**City of Lancaster**

**120 North Duke Street**

**Lancaster, PA 17602**

**717-992-2475**

On or about **April 1, 2025** the **City of Lancaster** will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the FY 2024 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant and Healthy Homes Supplemental. 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 Control and Healthy Homes Grant PALHD0569-24** for the purpose of **addressing lead paint hazards and other high-priority housing-related health hazards in 300 homes over 48 months with priority given to low-income owner-occupied homes and privately-owned rentals, where families with children under the age of six reside or visit. The Lead Hazard Control Program will serve residents throughout Lancaster City.** The **City of Lancaster** is requesting the release of **\$7,750,000.00**.

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. Airport Hazards, Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Air Quality, Coastal Zone Management Act, Endangered Species Act, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Farmlands Protection, Floodplain Management, Noise Abatement and Control, Sole Source Aquifers, Wetlands Protection Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 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, 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 **City of Lancaster, Department of Community Planning & Economic Development, 120 North Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602** and may be examined or copied weekdays **8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the **City of Lancaster, 120 North Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602**. All comments received by **March 31, 2025** will be considered by **City of Lancaster** prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The **City of Lancaster** certifies to HUD that **Danene Sorace** in her official capacity as **Mayor of the City of Lancaster** 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 **City of Lancaster** to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

**Danene Sorace, Mayor, Certifying Officer for the City of Lancaster**