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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about May 28, 2025, the City of Haverhill will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building Grant. This program is authorized by Sections 1011 (especially subsections (e) and (g)) of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 USC 4852(e) and (g)). Funding for this program is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024), Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022). Grant details are as follows: The Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building Grant Program aims to increase the number of certified contractors qualified to perform lead-based paint abatement in the City of Haverhill. As part of increasing capacity, the Program includes community outreach to raise awareness about lead hazards and to support the local lead poisoning prevention initiatives. The Program intends to subcontract for the following services: 1) outreach and education, through non-profit organizations; 2) training for deleader workers and contractors, provided by accredited training agencies; and 3) licensed lead inspection/risk assessments. During the final year of the grant, the Program is committed to provide lead hazard reduction assistance to eligible families with children under the age of six. Assistance will be offered for both owner-occupied and rental properties. Lead hazards will be addressed in all types of housing units citywide, including owner-occupied, rental, single-family, and multi-family residences (2-4 units). The budgeted cost per project is \$19,000. The Program plans to complete lead hazard reduction work in 18 housing units. To support these activities, the City of Haverhill is requesting the release of \$2,434,342.00 in program funds and \$262,653.00 in match.

The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this program 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 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 Hazard, Coastal Barriers Resources, Air Quality, Coastal Zone Management, Endangered Species Act, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Farmlands Protection, Floodplain Management, Noise Abatement and Control, Sole Source Aquifers, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 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 listed above: Flood Insurance, Contamination/Toxic Substances, Historic Preservation, and Wetlands Protection. 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 Hall, Community Development Office, Room 309, 4 Summer Street, Haverhill, MA 01830 and is also available on the City's website: <https://www.haverhillma.gov/>. Requests for electronic copies can be made to [ythanjai@haverhillma.gov](mailto:ythanjai@haverhillma.gov). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) may be examined or copied on weekdays between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City Hall, Community Development Office, Room 309, 4 Summer Street, Haverhill, MA 01830. All comments received by May 27, 2025, will be considered by City of Haverhill prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Haverhill certifies to HUD that Andrew K. Herlihy, in his official capacity as Community Development Department Division 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 City of Haverhill 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 Haverhill 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 Haverhill; (b) the City of Haverhill 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 Haverhill 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, 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.

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