

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

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On or after the 20th of December the City of Salisbury will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-383), to undertake the following project: City of Salisbury Housing Repair Program.

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: City of Salisbury Housing Repair Program

Purpose: Critical home repairs for low- and moderate-income owner-occupied housing units.

Location: The site-specific locations for this project are TBD; service area is citywide.

Project/Program Description: The Housing Repair Program will prioritize critical repairs and may not bring the home back to code standards. Work will include, but not limited to: roof replacement; gutter replacement; sump pump installation; bathroom replacement; window replacement; HVAC replacement; plumbing repairs; electrical repairs; structural repairs; and accessible improvements such as grab bars, door widening, entrance ramp installation, etc. Repair work will not increase the density or number of units, the land use will not change, and the footprint of the building will not increase. The cost of improvements is less than 50% of the value of the structure before rehabilitation and does not result in an increase in units. Funds will be used for construction work, related testing, management, administration, and oversight. Projects are expected to start the end of 2024 and continue through 2026 or until the funds (FY 2024 CDBG of \$277,340) are liquidated. This ERR covers two (2) City projects from the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan: Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County Critical Home Repairs (\$138,670) and Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation (\$138,670).

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: Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, and Noise Abatement and Control.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Flood Insurance - Applicants whose property to be repaired is located in a floodplain will be required to purchase and maintain a policy under the National Flood Insurance Program. Contamination and Toxic Substances - The City of Salisbury may repair homes that contain toxic substances such as lead-based paint, asbestos, radon, etc. Each site will be tested for evidence of toxic materials and contamination to soil or water. Information will be gathered, and remediation will occur to ensure that the site is safe for the intended users of the project as required at 58.5(i). Floodplain Management - The City may repair housing units in the FFRMS floodplain. The site-specific review will contain a FFRMS floodplain showing whether or not the project is located in a FFRMS floodplain. Historic Preservation - The City of Salisbury will consult with the Maryland State Historic Preservation Office (MD-SHPO) for each site-specific project. Noise Abatement and Control - The owners of any properties to be repaired that are located within the

proximity of an airport, train, and/or major roadway noise generator(s) will be notified that the noise generated nearby may exceed the average acceptable noise level as determined by HUD.

Estimated Project Cost: \$277,340

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 Salisbury, Finance Department, 125 N. Division Street, #103, Salisbury, MD 21801 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M. or at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Jo Ellen Bynum, Grants Manager, City of Salisbury, Finance Department, 125 N. Division Street, #103, Salisbury, MD 21801, 410-548-3110, ext. 1125. All comments received by Thursday, December 19, 2024 will be considered by the City of Salisbury prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Salisbury certifies to HUD that Randolph J. Taylor, Certifying Officer, 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Salisbury to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Salisbury'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 Salisbury; (b) the City of Salisbury 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 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 HUD, Ebony Madyun, Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, Baltimore Field Office at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Bank of America Building, Tower II, 100 South Charles Street, Suite 500, Baltimore, MD 21201. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor, Certifying Officer

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