

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

DATE OF NOTICE: October 23, 2025
RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: City of Youngstown
ADDRESS: 26 S Phelps St
Youngstown, OH 44503
TELEPHONE: 330-742-8876

On or after October 31, 2025, the City of Youngstown 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 (P.L. 93-383) (Act), as amended, and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Housing Rehabilitation, Multi-Year FY2025-2029, City-wide

Purpose: The program will extend the useful life, expand the supply, and improve the conditions of affordable housing for income qualifying households in the City of Youngstown.

Location: City-wide, Youngstown, Ohio.

Project/Program Description: To improve its housing stock over the next five years, the City of Youngstown and its subrecipients will administer various home rehabilitation programs utilizing CDBG and HOME funds. The project proposes the acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or disposition of residential buildings within the City. Rehabilitation activities may include interior and exterior improvements to components of the existing structure and facilities including roofs, gutters, doors, windows, walls, ceilings, porches, facades, sidewalks, parking areas, driveways, chimneys, building foundations, landscaping, electrical systems, heating systems, HVAC, water and sewer lines, elevators, plumbing, flooring, fixtures, cabinets and appliances, safety and security devices and equipment, other interior elements, asbestos testing and/or mitigation, radon testing and/or mitigation, lead testing and/or mitigation, and ADA improvements. All work will take place at previously disturbed sites with existing structures. Project activities will not involve new construction, conversion, expansion, or increases in residential density. 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)(2); 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i); 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(ii); 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(5); and 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(6)

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, and Historic Preservation.

Estimated CDBG Funding: FY 2025-2029 \$1,375,000.

Estimated HOME Funding: FY 2025-2029 \$963,737.60.

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$2,338,737.60.

The 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)(2); 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i); 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(ii); 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(5); and 24 CFR Part

58.35(a)(6). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Community Planning and Economic Development Department, 26 S. Phelps St, 4th Floor, Youngstown, Ohio 44503 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Debra Byrd, Community Planning and Economic Development, 26 S. Phelps St, 4th Floor, Youngstown, Ohio 44503, or by email to dbyrd@youngsownohio.gov. All comments received by October 30, 2025, will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Youngstown certifies to HUD that Jamael Tito Brown, 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 to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Youngstown'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 Youngstown; (b) the City of Youngstown 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Director of the Columbus Field Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov, or by mail at: 200 N. High St, 7th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215. Potential objectors should contact HUD Columbus via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jamael Tito Brown, Mayor