

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

January 9, 2025

**Waterbury Lead and Healthy Homes Program
Environmental Health Division
Department of Public Health
City of Waterbury**

**One Jefferson Square
Waterbury, CT 06706**

Telephone Number of Project Director: 203-346-3903

On or about **January 20, 2025** the **City of Waterbury** will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (LHRD) 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 funding is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, approved December 20, 2019 (Public Law 116-94), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2019, approved February 15, 2019, (Public Law 116-16). The Healthy Homes Supplemental funding is authorized under Section 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-2), with funding approved by the same Appropriations Acts, for the following multi-year program/project: **Waterbury Lead and Healthy Homes Program, including Lead Hazard Reduction \$6,250,000 and Healthy Homes Supplemental grant award \$750,000**, for the purpose of **identification and control of lead-based paint hazards and assess, prioritize and remediate other home health and safety issues in 250 eligible units located in the City of Waterbury and the work will be available to low to moderate income families with children under age of 6. The City of Waterbury is requesting the release of Federal Funds that includes \$6,250,000 Lead Hazard Reduction and \$750,000 Healthy Homes Supplement and in-kind match of \$686,654 from the City of Waterbury, as well as \$450,000 match from Connecticut Children's Healthy Homes Program, for the grant performance period from January 15, 2025 through January 15, 2029.**

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. Specifically, the target area(s) has/have been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been achieved in this Tier 1 review: **Airport Hazards, Coastal Barrier Resources, Air Quality, Coastal Zone Management, Endangered Species, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Farmlands Protection, Floodplain Management, Noise Abatement and Control, Sole Source Aquifers, Wetlands Protection, and Wild and Scenic Rivers.** Site-specific environmental reviews will include compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program(s) listed above: **Historic Preservation, National Flood Insurance Program requirements, and Contamination and Toxic Substance.** 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 **Waterbury Lead and Healthy Homes Program, One Jefferson Square, Waterbury Connecticut** 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 the **Waterbury Lead and Healthy Homes Program, One Jefferson Square, Waterbury Connecticut**. All comments received by **January 18, 2025** will be considered by **the City of Waterbury** prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The **City of Waterbury** certifies to HUD that **Mr. Paul K. Pernerewski, Jr** in his official capacity as **Honorable Mayor of the City of Waterbury**, 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 Waterbury** 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 Waterbury** 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 Waterbury**; (b) the **City of Waterbury** 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 Waterbury** 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: Karen M. Griego, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development LeadRegulations@HUD.GOV Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

City of Waterbury
Waterbury Lead and Healthy Homes Program
Mr. Paul K. Pernerewski, Jr
Honorable Mayor of the City of Waterbury