

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

Date of Posting: August 16, 2022
Responsible Entity: City of Edinburg
Address: 415 West University Drive, Suite F
Edinburg, Texas 78540
Phone Number: (956) 388-8206

On or after September 7, 2022 the City of Edinburg 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, to undertake a project known as FY 2022-2023 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program, for the following activities.

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title:

Rehabilitation of Single-Family Residential Homes - Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program

Purpose: This program will provide housing rehabilitation assistance for at least four (4) eligible, low and moderate income homeowners residing in single-family dwelling units, within the city limits of the City of Edinburg. The program will allow the City to remedy substandard housing, with the intent of providing safe, decent and affordable housing for residents.

Location: The Housing Assistance Program has been created to assist eligible, low and moderate income homeowners residing in single-family dwelling units, within the city limits of the City of Edinburg. The project location is currently categorized as a city-wide project for the scope of the Tier 1 review. As applicants are qualified for assistance, the Tier 2 or site-specific review, will identify the actual location of each of the four (4) projects. The locations will be added to the final environmental review record on file at the City of Edinburg.

Project/Program Description: This project entails the rehabilitation of up to four (4) single-family homes located within the City of Edinburg in an effort to provide safe, decent and affordable housing. In order to receive assistance through this program, the homes must be currently owned by qualifying, low to moderate income applicants. The assistance will be provided in the form of grants or low-interest loans depending on eligibility criteria, as set forth by HUD and local program guidelines. Once applicants are screened for eligibility, an inspection will be conducted to ascertain the condition of the housing unit. This inspection will allow the City to determine the type of assistance that is required in order to comply with City building codes and standards. If the unit is determined to be substandard, a rehabilitation will occur in which repairs will be conducted to ensure the unit is brought back to building codes and standards.

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 1 Broad Review - In the first tier, broad review the following laws and authorities were addressed: Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Explosive and Flammable Operations, Sole Source Aquifers and Wild & Scenic Rivers Act.

Tier 2 Site Specific Review - The site specific reviews will consider the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Airport Hazards, Flood Insurance, Air Quality, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Endangered Species, Farmland Protection, Floodplain Management, Historic Properties, Noise Control and Abatement, Wetlands Protection and Environmental Justice.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Community

Development/Grants Management Department if any compliance factors require additional examination.

Estimated Project Cost: \$162,570 FY 2022-2023 CDBG Program funds, no other funding sources are anticipated to be utilized.

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 Community Development/Grants Management Department located at 415 West University Drive, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M or may be accessed for viewing at the following web link: <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Edinburg to the address as set forth above. Comments may also be submitted via email at **cdbgpcomments@cityofedinburg.com**. All comments received by September 6, 2022 will be considered by the City of Edinburg prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Edinburg certifies to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Ramiro Garza, Jr. 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 Edinburg to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Edinburg'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 Mayor Ramiro Garza, Jr.; (b) the RE 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 HUD San Antonio Field Office at CPD COVID-19OEE-SAN@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD San Antonio Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Si necesita ayuda con la traducción con respecto a este aviso, favor de comunicarse con el Departamento de Administración de Subvenciones el Desarrollo Comunitario al (956) 388-8206.