

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

DATE OF NOTICE: September 20, 2021

GRANTEE NAME: City of Staunton

ADDRESS: 116 W. Beverley Street
Staunton, VA 24401

TELEPHONE: (540) 332-3869

On or after September 29, 2021 the City of Staunton will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the projects listed below to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Citywide Residential Rehabilitation Multi Year (FY2019-FY2023) Non-Site Specific (ReRoofing Staunton)

Purpose: Provide roof replacements and critical home repairs such as electrical, foundation repair/stabilization, and HVAC replacements for low-income homeowners, primarily seniors within the City of Staunton. All activities are confined to existing structures and will not involve new ground disturbance. Approximately 20 households will benefit from this program.

Location: City of Staunton, specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.

Project/Program Description: ReRoofing Staunton: Federal dollars will be used to provide roof replacements and critical home repairs such as electrical, foundation repair/stabilization, and HVAC replacements for low-income homeowners, primarily seniors within the City of Staunton. All activities are confined to existing structures and will not involve new ground disturbance. Approximately 20 households will benefit from this program.

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 58.5(a)(3)(i), 24 CFR 58.35 (a)(4)(i); 24 CFR 58.35 (a)(4)(ii):

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, Noise Abatement, and Environmental Justice.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):

Flood Insurance and Floodplain Management: Each site must be mapped using the FEMA Map Service Center to determine floodplain information. If the structure, part of the structure, or insurable property is located in a FEMA designated Special Flood Hazard Area, the City of Staunton must participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Flood insurance coverage must be continued for the life of the building irrespective of the transfer of ownership. The amount of coverage must equal the total project cost or the maximum coverage limit of the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less. A copy of the flood insurance policy declaration or a paid receipt for the current annual flood insurance premium and a copy of the application for flood insurance must be provided.

Contamination and Toxic Substances: Each site will be observed for evidence of contamination to soil or water such as: distressed vegetation, vent or fill pipes, storage tanks, pits, ponds or lagoons, stained soil or pavement, pungent, foul or noxious odors, past uses of the site. Each site will also be observed and/or evaluated for the presence of asbestos, mold, radon and lead-based paint. No work will be conducted on sites until contaminants and toxic substances have been removed or remediated per federal, state and local regulations.

Historic Preservation: The City of Staunton will submit individual property information to The Department of Historic Resources, Virginia's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concerning potential effects the activity will have on historic, archaeological or other cultural resources. To determine compliance with the Historic Preservation (National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800), the following information must be sent to the State Historic Preservation Department: building details, drawings, materials to be used, photographs, and map locations. Additionally, any asbestos remediation will comply with NESHAP regulations, and lead based paint interim controls will be used.

Noise: The City will consult HUD-recommended websites and directly with VDOT, railroads and airports as needed to gather data on all major roads within 1,000 feet of the project site, all railroads within 3, 000 feet of the project site and all airports within 15 miles of the project site. The City will then use this data to determine whether exterior noise levels at the project site are acceptable (<65 decibels) or if noise attenuation measures are needed or to be encouraged.

Environmental Justice: The City will consult with HUD-recommended websites to determine in any adverse environmental impacts were identified in any other complication review portions of the environmental review process and if so, were the impacts disproportionately high for low-income and/or minority communities.

Estimated Project Cost: The total estimated CDBG budget for ReRoofing is \$150,000. The allocation in 2019 is \$40,000, 2020 is \$50,000, 2021 is \$30,000 and estimated for 2022 \$30,000.

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 58.5(a)(3)(i), 24 CFR 58.35 (a)(4)(i); 24 CFR 58.35 (a)(4)(ii). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of Staunton, 116 W. Beverley Street Staunton, VA 24401, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The ERR is also available at <https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/departments/community-development/hud-community-development-block-grant/fy19-environmental-review>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to William L. Vaughn, Director Community and Economic Development Departments, vaughnwl@ci.staunton.va.us. All comments received by September 28, 2021 will be considered by the City of Staunton prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Staunton certifies to HUD that Steven Rosenberg in his capacity as City Manager 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 Staunton to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Staunton'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 Staunton; (b) the City of Staunton 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 emailed office at CPD_COVID-19OEE-RIC@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (800) 842-2610, Extension 4881, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Steven Rosenberg, City Manager, **Certifying Officer**