

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Department of Planning and Community Development, City of Muskegon Heights, 2724 Peck Street; Muskegon Heights, MI 49444: 231-733-8830.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 31, 2018, the City of Muskegon Heights will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to undertake the projects listed and for the purpose of as described below:

The City of Muskegon Heights is bounded by the centerline of the following streets: Getty Street to the East; Glade Street to the West; Norton Avenue to the South, except for Mona Lake from Green Street on the East to approximately Peck Street on the West; Keating to the North except for Hackley Avenue from Glade to Park Streets.

The following programs will be conducted city-wide:

1. General Administration	\$ 87,525
Provides for the overall administration and direct costs associated with carrying out CDBG programs. (21A-570.206)	
2. Rehabilitation Administration	\$ 65,000
Provides for the overall administration of CDBG-funded housing development programs. (14H-570-202)	
3. Moderate Repair Program	\$ 107,599
Provides for financing for the replacement of one approved major repair for owner occupied housing units. (14A-570.202)	
4. Priority Repair Program	\$75,000
Provides funding for minor repairs of owner- occupied housing units and building supplies for wheel chair ramps. (14A-570.202)	
5. Exterior Paint/Siding Program	\$ 75,000
Provides paint, painting services or siding in special instances for homeowners. (14 A-570-202)	
6. Fair Housing	\$ 5,000
Provides funding to affirmatively further fair housing. (21D-570.206)	
7. Landlord/Tenant Rights Program	\$ 5,000
Provides funding for legal services, information, referrals, dispute resolution and Housing Foreclosure Prevention Counseling. (05-k570.201e)	
8. Code Enforcement	\$ 7,500
Provides funding for fire safety services and materials for income-eligible residents (03-570.201c), funding for the provision of services to address property code violations (15-570.202c), and funding for services, equipment and/or materials necessary in addressing slum and blight.	
9. Demolition	\$10,000
Provides funding for clearance of blighted influences and dilapidated, dangerous structures.	
Total Proposed 44th Year CDBG Funding	\$437,624

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 91.505, the City is redistributing line items funded in previous years into the current and proposed years.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Muskegon Heights has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Department of Planning and Community Development, City Hall, 2724 Peck St, Muskegon Heights, MI, 49444 and may be examined weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. or online at cityofmuskegonheights.org. The FONSI and RROF has also been posted on the City's website commencing May 4, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Department of Planning and Community Development. All comments received by May 19, 2018 will be included as part of the ERR submission. Comments should specify which Notice is being addressed and must be submitted in writing. The Public Hearing has been set for Monday, May 14, 2018, in the City Hall (Council Chambers) at 5:30 p.m.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Muskegon Heights certifies to HUD that the Mayor in their Official Capacity consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce the responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Muskegon Heights to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Muskegon Heights' certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 in fact executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Muskegon Heights; (b) the City of Muskegon Heights 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of 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 the Environmental Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Detroit Field Office, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building - 477 Michigan Ave. Room 1710, Detroit, MI 48226-2592. Potential objectors should contact HUD Environmental Officer, HUD Detroit Field Office (tel. 313-226-7900 or via fax 313-226-5611) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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