

## NOTICE OF INTENT RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 1, 2025

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Environmental Health Services, Lead and Healthy Homes Program  
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On or about April 9, 2025, the City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health- Environmental Health Services- Lead and Healthy Homes Program will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the FY 2025/2026 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant and Healthy Homes Supplemental. The Lead Hazard Reduction Grant 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 section 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 and 1701z-2). Funding for this program is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103, approved March 15, 2022), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024). Grant details are as follows: Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Interventions, for the purpose of providing comprehensive supportive services including lead abatement and interim control for 275 property units observed with lead hazards where children under years old and other vulnerable people reside. The scope of services will include home assessments and inspections to identify lead hazards, injury hazards; pests; structural problems; water leaks and infiltration (mold); second-hand smoke; and carbon monoxide, and opportunities to increase energy efficiency in the home. The target area will include low-income residents throughout the City of Philadelphia. Primary sub-recipients/grantees for this project are the Public Health Management Corporation and Batta Laboratories for our lead hazards analytical projects. The City of Philadelphia, Department of Public Health, Lead and Healthy Homes Program is requesting the release of \$7,750,000.00 (\$7,000,000.00 Lead Hazard Control and \$750,000.00 Healthy Homes Supplement) of Federal assistance awarded and over \$1,239,889.23 matching funds, for the grant performance period February 15, 2025 to February 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 Act, Air Quality, Coastal Zone Management Act, Endangered Species Act, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Farmlands Protection, Floodplain Management, Sole Source Aquifers, Wetlands Protection, Environmental Justice. Site-specific environmental reviews will include analysis of and compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program(s) listed above: Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Historic Preservation and Noise Abatement and Control. 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.

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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 the City Of Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Services, Lead and Healthy Homes Program, 7801 Essington Ave, Philadelphia PA, 19153. It may be examined or copied in person at our main office, weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is also available on our website <https://www.phila.gov/programs/lead-and-healthy-homes-program/>

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the All comments received by City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health- Environmental Health Services- Lead and Healthy Homes Program, 7801 Essington Ave. Philadelphia PA 19153 will be considered by April 8, 2025 prior to authorizing submission of a Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health- Environmental Health Services- Lead and Healthy Homes Program certifies to HUD that Dr. Palak Raval-Nelson in her official capacity as Health Commissioner, 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 Philadelphia Department of Public Health- Environmental Health Services- Lead and Healthy Homes Program 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 Philadelphia Department of Public Health- Environmental Health Services- Lead and Healthy Homes Program 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 Philadelphia Department of Public Health- Environmental Health Services- Lead and Healthy Homes Program; (b) the 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 Philadelphia Department of Public Health- Environmental Health Services- Lead and Healthy Homes Program 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: David Robbins or David Nuccio, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development [LeadRegulations@HUD.GOV](mailto:LeadRegulations@HUD.GOV) Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

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