

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

May 21, 2026
City of Providence
Department of Housing & Human Services
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On or about June 2, 2026 the City of Providence Department of Planning and Development, acting as Responsible Entity, will submit a request to the Region 1 Office of the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: The City of Providence Home Repair Program for year 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

Purpose: The Home Repair Program provides loans to low/moderate income homeowners to make emergency repairs to their property enabling them to remain in their homes.

Location: The Home Repair Program is available throughout the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Providence. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.

Project/Program Description: The Home Repair Program provides up to \$25,000 in CDBG funds per property for emergency rehabilitation activities for owner occupied 1-4-unit properties occupied by income eligible households in order to ensure safe, decent, and affordable housing for homeowners within the City. Loans to be provided will be deferred payment, 0% interest, with the loan balance due and payable upon sale or transfer. This funding of \$304,849.98 (2025-2026) and \$250,000 (2026-2027) for the program is expected to serve about 50 addresses, to be determined once application intake occurs. The City anticipates issuing approximately 50 loans through the program. Applications are accepted and approved on a rolling basis. 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)

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review:

- **Coastal Zone Management** - Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)
- **Flood Insurance** - Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]
- **Floodplain Management** - Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55
- **Historic Preservation** - National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): The Program will ensure that the above referenced laws and authorities are addressed during the Tier 2 review for specific addresses. The Program is available to only those residences that are existing and habitable. There will be no new construction as a result of this Program. Upon site determination, the following will be further investigated as to compliance the respective law & authority:

- **Coastal Zone Management** – each address will be referred to CRMC for consistency review and to determine if the specific property is located within the jurisdiction of CRMC. If any permits are required as a result of the scope of work, they will be obtained prior to work commencing.
- **Flood Insurance** – each address will be searched through FEMA’s Flood Map Service Center to determine if the property is located in a flood zone. If the property is determined to be located in a flood zone, the Program will determine if a valid flood insurance policy is in effect prior to work commencing.
- **Floodplain Management** - each address will be searched through FEMA’s Flood Map Service Center to determine if the property is located in a floodplain. No work will be conducted at locations located in a floodplain.

- **Historic Preservation**- the SHPO will be consulted when a specific property is identified that is 50-yrs or greater in age and the scope of work involves new windows, doors, or exterior improvements. THPOs will be notified when any excavation is contained in the scope of work.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) per 24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Providence Department of Housing and Human Services, 444 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Providence, Department of Housing and Human Services, 444 Westminster Street, 3rd floor, Providence, RI 02903. Comments may also be emailed to AnnMarie Cotoia, Compliance Officer, City of Providence Department of Housing and Human Services at acotoia@providenceri.gov. All comments received by 3:30pm on June 1, 2026 will be considered by the City of Providence prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Providence certifies to HUD-Region 1 that Alyssa McDermott, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as the Division Director of Housing & Community Development, 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-Boston approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Providence to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD-Region 1 will accept objections to the RE's Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date specified above 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 Providence; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the RE has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR subparts E, F or G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; another Federal, State or local agency 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 shall be addressed to HUD-Boston Regional Office at Thomas P. O'Neill Building, Room 535, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Alyssa McDermott, Housing and Community Development Division Director