

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

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On or after December 8, 2021 Johnson County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds for program years 2022-2024 under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

City of Olathe - Housing Rehabilitation Programs

Support various home improvement needs of single-family, low-to-moderate-income homeowners located within the city limits of Olathe, in order to maintain their home within decent, safe, and sanitary standards. An estimated 30 houses will be assisted with grant funding. Emergency Assistance grants may be received for a maximum amount up to \$7,500. Grant funds up to \$7,500 may also be available for the City's Accessibility Modification Program. Tiering procedures will be used to complete environmental reviews on a site-specific basis. All projects will meet the lead base paint compliance requirements. Estimated cost for the 2022-2024 program years is \$225,000.00.

The activity proposed is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects are on file at Johnson County Community Development, 11811 S. Sunset Drive, Suite 1300, Olathe, KS 66061 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 3 P.M or at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Community Development office. All comments received by December 7, 2021 will be considered by Johnson County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Johnson County certifies to HUD that Jay C. Leipzig in his capacity as director of Planning, Housing, and 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Johnson County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Johnson County'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 Johnson County; (b) Johnson County 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 addressed to HUD at 400 State Avenue, Room 200, Kansas City, KS 66101. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jay C. Leipzig, Director of Planning, Housing, and Community Development