

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 6, 2021

City of Lorain, Office of Building, Housing and Planning

200 West Erie Avenue, 5th Floor

Lorain, OH 44052

(440) 204-2020

On or about April 16, 2021 the City of Lorain will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Title I of the Housing Community Development Act of 1974 and under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act amended, to undertake a project known as:

Demolition of 2528 East 37th Street, Lorain, OH (PP #0300080105020)

Single family home deemed blighted and uninhabitable. This creates a nuisance and an urgent threat to the public and welfare of the residents of the City of Lorain. The city of Lorain health and fire departments have no objection to the demolition of the site. The home is less than 2,000 square feet. The approximate cost of the demolition is \$15,000.

Demolition of 1225-1227 West 2nd Street, Lorain, OH (PP #0202026104005)

Two family home deemed blighted and uninhabitable. This creates a nuisance and an urgent threat to the public and welfare of the residents of the City of Lorain. The city of Lorain health and fire departments have no objection to the demolition of the site. The home is less than 3,000 square feet. The approximate cost of the demolition is \$15,000.

The activities proposed are 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 this project is on file at:

City of Lorain Office of Building, Housing and Planning
5th Floor, City Hall
200 West Erie Avenue
Lorain, OH 44052

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and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M. As Lorain City Hall is currently closed to the public, copies can be emailed or mailed via paper to interested parties by contacting Max Upton at the email, phone number, or address above.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Building, Housing and Planning. All comments received by April 16,2021 will be considered by the City of Lorain, Office of Building, Housing and Planning prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Lorain Office of Building, Housing and Planning certifies to The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Maximilian Upton in his capacity as Director 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 Ohio's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Lorain Office of Building, Housing and Planning to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Lorain's Office of Building, Housing and Planning (5th Floor, City Hall) 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 Lorain, Office of Building, Housing and Planning (b) the City of Lorain, Office of Building, Housing and Planning 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 administration office at

CPD_COVID-19OEE@hud.gov

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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