

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

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On or after November 11, 2019 the City of Jacksonville-Duval County (the “City of Jacksonville”) will submit a request to the State of Florida for the release of CDBG-DR funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: *City of Jacksonville CDBG-DR Hurricane Matthew Housing Repair Program*

Purpose: *In response to presidentially declared disasters, Congress may appropriate additional funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as Disaster Recovery grants to rebuild the impacted areas and provide crucial seed money to start the recovery process. In response to Hurricane Matthew, Jacksonville-Duval County received a \$2,037,391 allocation of CDBG-DR funds.*

Location: *City of Jacksonville, Florida – LMI Tracts and Households within Duval County*

Project/Program Description: *This program will provide housing repair activities for qualified owner-occupied households within the county that were impacted by Hurricane Matthew. The need for housing repairs is a top priority in the wake of the storms. The City of Jacksonville anticipates allocating approximately \$2,037,391 in CDBG-DR funding for eligible homeowner housing repair projects. LMI Census Tracts and LMI households located within the county limits with unmet housing needs are the target recipients for this program.*

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: *Minor Rehabilitation Program of owner-occupied single family homes.*

24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i)

(a) Categorical exclusions subject to § 58.5. The following activities are categorically excluded under NEPA, but may be subject to review under authorities listed in § 58.5:

(3) Rehabilitation of buildings and improvements when the following conditions are met:

- (i) *In the case of a building for residential use (with one to four units), the density is not increased beyond four units, and the land use is not changed;*

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

Flood Insurance: Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]

Contamination and Toxic Substances: 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]

Endangered Species: Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402

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

Noise Abatement and Control: Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):

Flood Insurance: Should the project fall within a Special Flood Hazard Area 100-year floodplain flood insurance will be maintained for the life of the project.

Contamination and Toxic Substances: Mitigation measure will depend on the specifics of the potential contamination. Asbestos and lead-based paint will be addressed as determined through the testing and consultation process.

Endangered Species: Consultation with state and federal agencies will determine any mitigation measures required.

Historic Preservation: Condition requests and measures requested by the SHPO or THPOs will be implemented

Noise Hazard Control: Mitigating measures may be incorporated into the project as funding and scope of work allows.

Estimated Project Cost:

HUD Funding: \$2,037,391

Non-HUD Funding: \$112,609

Total: \$2,150,000

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR 58.5(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at:

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and may be examined or copied weekdays 10 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the *City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods Department – Housing and Community Development Division*. All comments received by *November 11, 209* will be considered by the *City of Jacksonville* prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The *City of Jacksonville* certifies to the *State of Florida* that *Lenny Curry* Certifying Officer, in his capacity as *Mayor* 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. *The State of Florida's* approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the *City of Jacksonville* to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

***The State of Florida* will accept objections to its release of fund and the *City of Jacksonville'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 the *City of Jacksonville*; (b) the *City of Jacksonville* 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 *the State of Florida*; 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 State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity* at 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Potential objectors should contact *the State of Florida* to verify the actual last day of the objection period.**

Lenny Curry, Mayor, Certifying Officer