

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

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On or after January 25, 2021 the Director of Land Use will authorize the City of Bellevue to submit a request to the HUD Community Planning and Development office for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Bellevue Home Rehabilitation Program

Purpose: A program to provide repair and rehabilitation assistance to low- and moderate-income Bellevue households through zero-interest loans.

Location: City-wide

Project/Program Description: Annually, the City of Bellevue Home Rehabilitation Program will provide rehabilitation and repair to approximately 35 homes with approximately \$500,000 of CDBG funds. Specific locations of individual housing units will be determined. 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 58.35(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: Historic Preservation [36 CFR Part 800], Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials [24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)], Floodplain Management [24 CFR 55, Executive Order 11988], Endangered Species Act [50 CFR 402], Wetland Protection [Executive Order 11990], Environmental Justice [Executive Order 12898]

Estimated Project Cost: \$500,000

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 Part 58.35(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at <https://bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-home-rehabilitation-program> and may be examined.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Bellevue Development Services Department. All comments received by January 22, 2021 will be considered by the Director of Land Use prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments can be submitted to:

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Associate Land Use Planner
City of Bellevue
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DWong@Bellevuewa.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Director of Land Use certifies to HUD that Mayor Lynne Robinson, Certifying Officer, in her 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Bellevue to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Director of Land Use'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 Bellevue; (b) the Director of Land Use 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:

SEACPDRROF@hud.gov

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

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue
Certifying Officer