

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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GRANTEE NAME: Lebanon County

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On or about June 24, 2015, Lebanon County will authorize the Housing Authority of the County of Lebanon to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Capital Fund funds under Title I of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake projects known as CF 15-01 Housing Authority Modernization and Site Improvements Program (FY 2015-FY 2019) for the continuation of the housing modernization program.

The modernization program includes roof replacement, the replacement of storage sheds, replace HVAC systems, community area improvements, replace windows, the installation of heating and air conditioning units, the installation of remote utility meters, handicapped accessibility improvements, clean, re-point, and seal exterior walls, install sprinkler systems, replace electrical panels, and repave parking areas. Other improvements may include water and sewer lines, plumbing, flooring, kitchen cabinets and appliances, interior renovations and exterior improvements to existing facilities, infrastructures improvements to streets, curbs, and sidewalk areas, landscaping improvements including the installation and maintenance of plants and foliage, lighting improvements, the installation of garbage receptacles, benches, the replacement of storage sheds, and similar small scale streetscaping items. All work will take place at previously disturbed sites at existing facilities.

In FY 2015, LCHA has allocated \$320,271 of Capital Fund funds to the Housing Modernization and Site improvements Program and plans to undertake housing modernization and site improvement activities at Webster Manor and Steckbeck/Meily Streets. LCHA will replace the roofs at Webster Manor and replace the storage sheds at Steckbeck/Meily.

These programs are multi-year programs (FY 2015-FY 2019), and LCHA anticipates allocating the following total annual amounts to undertake these program activities at LCHA's properties: FY 2015-\$320,271; FY 2016-\$295,271; FY 2017-\$295,271, FY 2018-\$295,271, and FY 2019-\$295,271. The actual amounts will be identified in the LCHA's annual plan.

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 these activities is on file at at Lebanon County at the Municipal Building, 400 S. 8th Street, Lebanon, PA and may be examined or copied, upon request, Monday through Friday during normal working hours.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this decision may submit written comments to the Lebanon County at the above listed address. All written comments received by June 23, 2015 will be considered by Lebanon County prior to authorizing the Housing Authority of the County of Lebanon to submit a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Lebanon County certifies to HUD that Mr. William E. Ames, in his capacity as Chairman of the County Commissioners, 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 acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the Housing Authority of the County of Lebanon to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept an objections to its release of funds and the County's certification for a period of fifteen days following its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Lebanon County; (b) Lebanon County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 before approval or a release of funds by HUD; (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 the HUD Director of Office of Public Housing at the Philadelphia Area Office, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mr. William E. Ames, Chairman
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