

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

### **BERGEN COUNTY**

March 4, 2016

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
101 South Broad Street  
PO Box 800  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800

This Notice is related to Federal assistance provided in response to the Presidentially-declared disaster, Superstorm Sandy. This notice shall satisfy the procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

Per 24 CFR 58.33, the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI-RROF) will be published simultaneously with the submission of the Request of Release of Funds (RROF). The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster from the impacts of Superstorm Sandy, which made landfall on October 29, 2012. As a result, the comment periods for the NOI-RROF and RROF have been combined. Commenters may submit comments to DCA and objections to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to ensure they will receive full consideration.

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 14, 2016, the DCA will submit a request to HUD for the release of Federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) pursuant to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013) for the Low to Moderate Income Homeowner Rebuilding (LMI) Program. DCA expects to fund the project using approximately \$47,339.13 of LMI funds.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Application ID number: LMI0001919MF  
Location: 1225 River Road, Unit 14B, Edgewater, NJ, Bergen County  
The total estimated project cost is \$47,339.13

The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate Unit 14B of a multi-family condominium structure (Hudson Harbor) at 1225 River Road in Edgewater Borough, Monmouth County to its original pre-storm condition. This residence is an approximately 2,400 square-foot unit within a four-unit multi-family structure. Project work to the circa-1987 structure consists of debris removal, interior renovations (including drywall repairs and painting), replacement of appliances and HVAC systems, and replacement of exterior garage door. No structural changes to the existing building are proposed. The proposed project would not involve a change in the footprint of the structure or area of impervious coverage. The proposed project is not considered a substantial improvement, as the proposed action does not meet the threshold for substantial improvement because the proposed HUD funding for repair, reconstruction, modernization or improvement of the structure is less than 50% of the pre-storm property value. The HUD requested funding

amount is \$47,339.13 while the property value of the multi-family unit is \$631,200. CDBG funding of this action is critical in addressing the local need for safe, affordable and decent housing in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.

The LMI Program provides reconstruction, rehabilitation and elevation assistance to homeowners of low-to-moderate income impacted by Superstorm Sandy and whose damaged primary residence is located in one of the nine most impacted counties.

The Responsible Entity, DCA, has determined that the proposed project is Categorically Excluded Subject to §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(a). As such, a Statutory Checklist has been completed in order to determine whether the project is in compliance with the authorities cited at 24 CFR§58.5.

Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record on file at the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Sandy Recovery Division, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. or can be viewed online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Laura Shea, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 or online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/> and to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. All comments received by March 14, 2016 or seven (7) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later, will be considered by DCA. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

DCA certifies to HUD that Charles A. Richman, in his capacity as Commissioner of DCA 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 the National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and authorities, and allows DCA to use CDBG-DR funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and DCA's certification for a period of seven (7) 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 DCA; (b) DCA 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 has committed

funds or 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 58.76) and shall be addressed to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Commissioner Charles A. Richman  
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs