

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

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On or about August 31, 2020 **the** City of Chandler **will submit a request to the** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) **for the release of** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) **funds under** Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, **to undertake a project known as** City of Chandler Community Development – Homeowner Rehabilitation **for the purpose of:**

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: City of Chandler Community Development – Homeowner Rehabilitation

Purpose: Providing Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance to HUD Qualified applicants to live in decent, safe, sanitary housing.

Location: Corporate City Limits of the City of Chandler, AZ

Project/Program Description:

Homeowner Rehabilitation Program Includes:

Home Modification – This program helps Chandler homeowners with low to moderate income, and with disabilities modify their homes to remove barriers so they can continue to live safely and comfortably.

Emergency Repair – This program has a focus on providing expedited assistance in addressing substandard conditions which pose a serious threat to health, safety and welfare of the household affecting the immediate livability of the home.

Exterior Improvement – This program provides no-interest loans, forgivable loans for exterior improvements to single family homes, condos, and townhomes for Chandler homeowners with low to moderate income.

Minor Home Repair – This program helps Chandler homeowners with low to moderate income make minor repairs which will help them remain in their home and improve its livability.

Estimated Project Cost: Maximum CDBG Funding \$2,600,000

330 Units: Homeowner Rehabilitation, which includes: Home Modification, Emergency Repair, Exterior Improvement and Minor Home Repair

Approximate size of the project area:

Chandler, Arizona's estimated population is 257,165 according to the most recent United States census estimates Feb 17, 2020;

<https://www.chandleraz.gov/explore/living-in-chandler/community-profile-and-demographics>

Average Household Income - \$99,000; Housing Units - 108,555 as of April 1, 2020; Incorporated Area – 64.90 square miles

Length of time covered by this review: This broad-level tiered environmental review will cover up to a maximum of five years and will be set to expire August 2025.

Prior funding years allocated to housing rehabilitation activities, funding year FY 19/20 (\$200,000) and FY 20/21; 21/22; 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25 through June 30, 2025.

Maximum number of dwelling units or lots addressed by this tiered review:

Estimated 330 housing units.

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: Rehabilitation Program of home-owner occupied single family homes: “24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i)”

This citation certifies all of these activities will be; one to four units, the density is not increased beyond four units, and the land use is not changed.

Funding Information:

As available by Program Year Allocation funding year FY 19/20 (\$200,000)
B-20/21/22/23/24/25-MC-04-0507

Total allocation from the 5 Year Consolidated Planning Period not to exceed \$2,600,000 in CDBG funding plus carryover from FY 19/20.

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: Total allocation of CDBG funding for this program is not to exceed \$2,600,000. Funding is provided to program operations from the City of Chandler General Fund for coordinative supporting services IE, Clerks office, Public Outreach, Legal Services, Procurement and others for which no specific dollar allocation is ascribed.

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 58.35(a)(3)(i), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Riann Balch, Neighborhood Resources Department, 235 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85225 or by email to community.development@chandleraz.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website: <https://www.chandleraz.gov/residents/neighborhood-resources/community-development/resident-assistance/housing-rehabilitation-programs>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Chandler at Neighborhood Resources Department, 235 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, Arizona 85225. All comments received by Monday, August 24, 2020 will be considered by the City of Chandler prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Chandler certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Riann Balch, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Community Resources Manager 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. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Chandler to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Chandler'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 Chandler; (b) the City of Chandler 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at entitlementgranteesenvironmental@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development via email at entitlementgranteesenvironmental@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Responsible Entity Certifying Officer: Riann Balch, Community Resources Manager