

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: March 3rd, 2025

Name of Responsible Entity (RE) City of Paterson Division of Health

Address: 176 Broadway

City, State, Zip Code: Paterson NJ 07505

Telephone Number: 973-321-1277 Ext 2744

On or about March 11, 2025, the **CITY OF PATERSON DIVISION OF HEALTH HUD LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM** will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the FY 2022/2023 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant **and Healthy Homes Supplemental**. The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LHR) Grant Program is authorized by section 1011 of the Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) (42 U.S.C. 4852), and section 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 and 1701z-2). Funding for this program is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103, approved March 15, 2022), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024). Grant details are as follows: **SILK CITY LEAD SAFE PROJECT (LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM) NJLHD 0525-24** for the purpose of **INSPECTION OF LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS, LEAD CONTAMINATED DUST IN THE HOMES, AND LEAD CONTAMINATED SOIL SURROUNDING THE PROPERTY**. The **CITY OF PATERSON DIVISION OF HEALTH HUD LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM (Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program, Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program** is requesting the release of **\$6,540,881.66 Lead Hazard Control, \$630,000.00 Healthy home and \$671,883.10** in matching funds **FOR A PERIOD OF 48 MONTHS FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2024 TO NOVEMBER 15, 2028**. The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this/these program(s) is/are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58. In

accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target area(s) listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area(s) has/have been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been achieved in this Tier 1 review: **Air Quality, Airport hazards, Coastal Barrier Resources, Coastal zone management, Endangered species, Environmental justice, Explosive and flammable facilities, Farmlands protection, Floodplain Management, Noise abatement and control, Sole-source aquifers, wetlands protection, wild and scenic rivers etc.**). Site-specific environmental reviews will include analysis of and compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program(s) listed above: **Flood insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Historic Preservation.** Should individual aggregate projects exceed the threshold for categorical exclusion detailed at §58.35(a), an Environmental Assessment will be completed and a separate Finding of No Significant Impact and Request for Release of Funds published. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, is on file at **City of Paterson Division of Health Lead Program 176 Broadway, Paterson NJ 973-321-1277 Ext 2744 (email jmugulusi@patersonnj.gov)** and may be examined or copied weekdays **8.30am to 4.00pm.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the **CITY OF PATERSON DIVISION OF HEALTH HUD LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM.** All comments received by March 10, 2025 will be considered by **City of Paterson** prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The **CITY OF PATERSON** certifies to HUD that **ANDRE SAYEGH** in **his/her** official capacity as **Honorable 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 PATERSON** to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the **CITY OF PATERSON** certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date March 10, 2025 or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the **CITY OF PATERSON**; (b) the **CITY OF PATERSON** has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the **CITY OF PATERSON** has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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), and may be addressed to HUD and sent to the email address as follows: David Robbins or David Nuccio, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development LeadRegulations@HUD.GOV Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

**CITY OF PATERSON DIVISION OF HEALTH HUD LEAD
ABATEMENT PROGRAM
ANDRE SAYEGH, Mayor**