



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: 21 May 2025

City and County of Denver
Department of Housing Stability
201 W. Colfax Avenue, Dept. 615
Denver, Colorado 80202
720-913-1707

On or about 28 May 2025 the Denver Department of Housing Stability (HOST) will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Economic Development Initiative - Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, P.L. 118-42, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Hope Center Revitalization for the purpose of beginning to address infrastructural issues at two buildings owned by Hope Center, Inc., located at 3400 N. Elizabeth Street, Denver, Colorado 80205-4244, and 3475 N. Holly Street, Denver, Colorado 80207-2037. The goal of this work is to bring both buildings to a point of environmental compliance. The project will include fixing the roof at both locations and updating flooring so that both buildings remain inclusive and accessible to all who enter them and especially those who are receiving services. The aim is to ensure that our buildings/infrastructure are up to date so that we can reach our goal of increased programming not only for the families and adults we serve, but to be able to open our facilities up to the community at-large. Total estimated HUD funding is \$2 million; the total estimated project cost is \$2 million.

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 this project is on file at HOST. Due to staff working remotely, the ERR will be made available to the public for review electronically via email. Please submit your request to Brian Ray James, Environmental Officer, at brian.james@denvergov.org or leave a message at 720-913-1707.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to HOST. All comments received by 27 May 2025 will be considered by HOST prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

HOST certifies to HUD that Mayor Mike Johnston, in his capacity as Certifying Officer, 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 HOST to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the HOST'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 HOST; (b) HOST 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Noemi Ghirghi, CPD Region VIII Director, at CPDRROFDEN@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact CPDRROFDEN@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Mike Johnston, Certifying Officer, City and County of Denver