



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: 17 March 2026

City and County of Denver  
Department of Housing Stability  
201 W. Colfax Avenue, Dept. 1101  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
720-913-1707

On or about 25 March 2026 the City and County of Denver, Department of Housing Stability (HOST), will submit a request to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), as amended, to undertake a project known as Zion Senior Center – Project SAPPHIRE for the purpose of financing the renovations of their building at 5151 East 33rd Avenue, Denver, Colorado, in Denver's Historical North Parkhill neighborhood. The facility will be utilized to provide services and programs including their Food Bank which has a service area that serves all Northeast Parkhill and its neighbors Globeville, Elyria Swansea, Cole and Skyland. The added neighborhoods were absorbed by Zions due to the closure of the Hearts and Hands organization after 17 years of offering food access to the community. The Facility will provide safe gathering spots and activity spaces for the community. Core Services include but are not limited to sewing classes, computer classes, cooking demos, dance classes, community meeting space, a weekly food pantry, and providing school supplies for local children. Total estimated HUD funding is \$695,000.00; the total estimated project cost is \$695,000.00.

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](mailto: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 24 March 2026 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 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 CPD\_COVID-19OEE-DEN@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact CPD\_COVID-19OEE-DEN@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mike Johnston, Mayor, City and County of Denver