

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

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City of Wichita Falls  
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**On or after** May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the City of Wichita Falls 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 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

**Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title:** PY21-25. Hazardous-Structures-Demolition-Project

**Purpose:** The demolition and clearance of hazardous and/or flood damaged residential structures.

**Location:** Within the city of Wichita Falls and Wichita County.

**Project/Program Description:** For the demolition of up to 200 city and privately owned residential hazardous/dilapidated structures within the city limits of Wichita Falls, Texas. The City expects to demolish an estimated 40 structures per program year, but may make up a shortfall in demolitions from one program year in any of the subsequent program years if necessary. The purpose of this project is to rid the City of Wichita Falls of urban blight, to protect and preserve human life and increase the property value of adjacent properties. After demolition of the hazardous dilapidated structures are completed the slope of the property will be returned to a naturally grassy state which will aid in preserving natural values and minimize impacts. 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:** 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(4)

**Tier 2 Site Specific Review:** The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, Environmental Justice.

**Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):** Contamination and Toxic Substances: A site visit, Site contamination Worksheet and Government Records Search will be completed for each property during the Site Specific Review. Should any properties indicate the need for an elevated response or extra mitigation measures, a separate environmental review will be completed for that property. Floodplain Management: The demolition of these structures are expected to not have any negative impact on flooding and may improve flood management for the area. A Floodplain map will be created for each property during the Site Specific reviews. Should any properties indicate the need for an elevated response or extra mitigation measures, a separate environmental review will be completed for that property. Historic Preservation: each structure will be checked against the National Register of Historic Places and Local Historic District maps. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be consulted for each property during the Site-Specific reviews. Any mitigation measures recommended by SHPO will be followed. Environmental Justice: The projects aim is to improve the quality of life within the area. All privately owned properties will be brought before the City Council for Public Hearing. All comments will be taken into consideration by the Mayor and City Council. During the Site Specific review each property will be checked to ensure compliance. Should any property indicate the need for an elevated response or extra mitigation measures, a separate environmental review will be completed for that property.

**Estimated Project Cost:** \$1,000,000.00 (expected at \$200,000 per program year)

**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 Part 58.35(a)(4). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this

project is on file at the Code Enforcement Office, Room 304, City of Wichita Falls, 1300 7th Street, 76301, (940) 761-8841 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M. An electronic copy can also be viewed at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Code Enforcement Office, Room 304, City of Wichita Falls, 1300 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 76301. Comments can also be submitted by email to: [city-clerk@wichitafallstx.gov](mailto:city-clerk@wichitafallstx.gov). **All comments received by May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022** will be considered by the City of Wichita Falls prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Wichita Falls certifies to HUD that Paul Menzies, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Assistant City 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Wichita Falls to use HUD program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Wichita Falls 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 Wichita Falls; (b) the City of Wichita Falls 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Fort Worth Regional Office, Shirley Henley, CPD Program Office Director, 307 W. 7th St., Suite 1000, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Mr. Paul Menzies,  
Assistant City Manager / Certifying Officer

## **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at Memorial Auditorium, Wichita Falls, Texas on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 at 3:20 o'clock p.m.

  
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City Clerk