



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 6, 2018

City of Grand Rapids  
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On or about **July 16, 2018**, the City of Grand Rapids will authorize the Grand Rapids Housing Commission to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of federal funding for the following programs; Capital Fund Program as authorized per Section 9 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and 24 CFR Part 905; Operating Fund Program as authorized per Section 9 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and 24 CFR Part 990; Project Based Voucher (PBV) Program as authorized per Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and 24 CFR Part 983; and the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program as authorized per Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and 24 CFR Part 982. The release of funds will cover the period commencing on the first day of FY 2017 and ending on the final day of FY 2021. The total amount of funding to be authorized is \$111,153,084.

Planned activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Capital Fund Program – Administration and Operations** (\$293,493): Eligible operations and administrative activities to include, but not limited to operations and maintenance, utilities, furnishings, equipment, supplies, staff training and recruitment, and other incidental costs.

**Capital Fund Program - Development Activities** (\$613,346): Conversion of Scattered Site I public housing (20 units) and Adams/Campau Park public housing (188 units) to Project Based Vouchers under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, and all rehabilitation activities which may include, but are not limited to the following: removal and replacement of driveways and sidewalks, site grading to eliminate the ponding of water, sanitary sewer lateral repair, tree removal, roof replacement, replacement of exterior doors and storm doors, painting of exterior wood surfaces and window trim, replacement of kitchen cabinets, sinks and counter tops, replacement of kitchen flooring, ranges, refrigerators, and range hoods, replacement of bathroom vanities, sinks and counter tops, replacement of toilets, replacement of light fixtures with LED fixtures, installation of water saving faucet aerators (kitchen and bath), installation of programmable thermostats, replacement of water heaters, replacement of smoke detectors, and installation of CO detectors.

**Operating Fund Program** (\$1,831,471): Funding will be utilized to operate, manage, and modernize public housing. HUD has compiled a list of routing operating activities and determine that certain activities, outlined in PIH 2016-22 (HA), Appendix A, are categorically exempt from environmental review under NEPA, as long as they are not undertaken as part of a project located in a Coastal Barrier Resource Area. HUD has made a determination per 24 CFR Part 50 that these activities are not subject to further environmental review, and consequently, will not result in environmental impacts.

**Project Based Voucher (PBV) Program** (\$9,103,056): Housing assistance payments applied to the Campau Commons development (92 units), Creston Plaza I development (50 units), Creston Plaza II development (50 units), Scattered Site I development (20 units), and Adams /Campau Park development (188 units) and the proposed 841 S. Division Ave development (50 units). The listed developments have either been converted, are currently in the process of being converted, or are scheduled to be converted from Low-Income Public Housing (LIPH) to Project Based Voucher (PBV) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program.

**Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program** (\$99,311,718): Rental subsidies provided to eligible families so they can afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing. HUD is making a determination under 24 CFR Part 50 that the HCV program is not subject to further review, with the following exceptions; (a) for PHA owned or leased property used for HCV administration, the PHA obtains environmental clearance for any rehabilitation or renovation activity occurring at the site, and; (b) for homeownership units under construction, the PHA obtains environmental clearance prior to providing funding. There is no rehabilitation or renovation activity occurring at PHA owned or leased properties nor are there any homeownership units under construction.

All of the above mentioned activities will occur at one or more of the following Grand Rapids Housing Commission facilities:

1. **Grand Rapids Housing Commission Main Office, 1420 Fuller Avenue SE**
2. **Adams Park Apartments, 1440 Fuller Avenue SE**
3. **20 Units of Scattered Site I Housing: 24-28 Albany Street SW, 42-44 Albany Street SW, 50 Albany Street SW, 842 Alexander Street SE, 708 Cass Street SE, 718 Cass Street SE, 1013-1017 Caulfield Avenue SW, 1019-1021 Dorchester Avenue SW, 1735 Hanchett Avenue NW, 1120 Jackson Street NW, 717 Lafayette Avenue SE, 627 Livingston Avenue NE, 1015-1017 Sheldon Avenue SE, 929 Thomas Street SE, and 923 Worden Street SE**
4. **24 Units of Scattered Site Homeownership Housing: 21 Shelby Street SW, 58 Caledonia Street NE, 325 Donald Place SE, 333 Florence Ct. NE, 422-424 Griggs Street SE, 431 Grant Street SW, 442 Adams Street SE, 448 Oakdale Street SE, 461 Oakdale Street SE, 465 Oakdale Street SE, 500 Crawford Street SE, 650 Henry Avenue SE, 716 Thomas Street SE, 808 Woolsey Drive SW, 816 Innes Street NE, 831 Bates Street SE, 912 Dunham Street SE, 1127 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, 1128 Fisk Street SE, 1545 Broadway Avenue NW, 1659 Godwin Avenue SE, 2125 Francis Avenue SE, 2144 Horton Avenue SE**

The Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Grand Rapids Community Development Department, 300 Monroe Avenue NW, Suite 460, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and at the office of the Grand Rapids Housing Commission, 1420 Fuller Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507. The ERR may be examined or copied, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Grand Rapids at the address listed above. All comments received by **July 13, 2018** will be considered by the City of Grand Rapids prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Grand Rapids certifies to HUD that the City and Eric R. DeLong, in his official capacity as Interim City Manager, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certifications satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the GRHC to use their allocated Capital Fund Program, Operating Fund Program, Housing Choice Voucher Program and Project Based Voucher Programs assistance.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the GRHC and City of Grand Rapids' certifications received by July 30, 2018, or a period of fifteen days following the actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certifications were not executed by the Certifying Officers of the GRHC and the City of Grand Rapids; (b) the GRHC or the City of Grand Rapids has omitted a step or failed to make a decision of finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) a grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency act in 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 shall be addressed to: Mr. Douglas C. Gordon, HUD Detroit Field Office, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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