

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: January 31, 2023

Name of Responsible Entity (RE): Mahoning County Board of Commissioners, 21 West Boardman Street  
Youngstown Ohio 44503

Contact: Phillip Puryear, Program Director 330-740-2124 Est. 7172

On or about February 8, 2023, the Mahoning County Board of Commissioners will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the FY 2022 Lead-based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant and Healthy Homes Supplemental funding, as well as matching/leveraged funds including Community Development Block (CDBG) grant funding committed by the City of Youngstown. The Lead Hazard Reduction Grant 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 funding is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103, enacted March 15, 2022), and prior year funding. The Healthy Homes Supplemental funding is authorized by Section 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-2) and funding is provided by the same Consolidated Appropriations Act and prior year funding. The CDBG Grant funding is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (HCD Act), and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title 24 of the Federal Code of Regulations, Part 570 and 2CFR Part 200 of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements and Public Law 93-383: details are as follows: a multi-year program/project known as the Mahoning County Healthy Homes & Lead Hazard Control Program (Herein known as MCHHLHCP) will be implemented for the purpose of making housing units lead safe using a combination of interim controls and abatement techniques. The MCHHLHCP effort will involve lead hazard control activities on residential properties within Mahoning and Trumbull counties with specific intent on serving within the 64 High risk Census tracts identified as Disadvantaged Communities using the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes 2022 Grants Target Mapping Tool. The overall goals of this combined strategy are to reduce lead hazards in one hundred seventy (170) homes such as lead contaminated dust, bare soil, and loose, peeling or flaking lead based paint to HUD clearance levels; to slow recontamination by treating bare soil and high-risk lead painted surfaces; to make repairs to prevent paint failure; to facilitate the clean-up of recontamination by creating cleanable floors and window troughs; and to educate owners and occupants on lead safety and in-place management of lead hazards. Concurrent assessment of those units for Healthy Homes issues will prioritize the nature and scope of home health intervention in one hundred and thirty (130) homes of the One hundred seventy (170) proposed homes. The Mahoning County Board of Commissioners are requesting the release of \$5,700,000.00 (five million seven hundred thousand dollars) of federal assistance along with \$551,500.00 (five hundred fifty one thousand and five hundred dollars) of matching/ leveraged funds (including \$500,000.00 of CDBG matching funds pledged by the City of Youngstown. The period of performance of grant activities is 12/01/2022 to 12/01/2026 and includes a 120 day close out period immediately following the period of performance and any extension granted by HUD.

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: Airport Hazards; Coastal Barriers Resources; Air Quality; Coastal Zone Management, endangered Species; Explosive and Flammable Hazards; Farmlands Protection; Floodplain management; Noise Abatement and Control; Sole Source Aquifers; Wetlands Protection, Wild and Scenic Rivers. The Tier 2. 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: (i.e., Flood Insurance, Historic Preservation, Contamination/Toxics, Noise, etc.). 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 the Mahoning County Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Program Office located at 108 Westchester Drive Youngstown Ohio 44515 and may be examined or copied weekdays from February 1, 2023 until February 7, 2023, 8:00a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Environmental Review Record (ERR), may be requested to be sent via email by submitting an email request to [ppuryear@mahoningcountyoh.gov](mailto:ppuryear@mahoningcountyoh.gov).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mahoning County Commissioners in person, by mail at the Mahoning County Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Program office, 108 Westchester Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44515 or email to [ppuryear@mahoningcountyoh.gov](mailto:ppuryear@mahoningcountyoh.gov). All comments received by 4:30 p.m. February 7, 2023 will be considered by Mahoning County Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS:** The Mahoning County Commissioners certify to HUD that David C. Ditzler in his official capacity as President of the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners, 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 Mahoning County Commissioners to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS:** HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Mahoning County Commissioners certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated

submission date (cited above) 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 Mahoning County Commissioners; (b) the Mahoning County Commissioners has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Mahoning County Commissioners 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: Karen M. Griego, 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.

The address of the certifying officer is:

David C. Ditzler, President, Board of Commissioners  
Mahoning County  
21 W. Boardman St,  
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

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Nancy Laboy, Clerk of the Board

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