

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

Date of Notice: 12/4/2025

Name of Responsible Entity (RE): City of Casa Grande

Address: 510 E. Florence Blvd, Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Telephone Number: 520-421-8600

On or after December 15, 2025 the City of Casa Grande will submit a request to the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD, San Francisco Regional Office-Region IX) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title/Section 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program (OOHR).

The City of Casa Grande Community Development Division will implement the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program (OOHR). The goal of the OOHR program is to address repairs necessary to alleviate threats to health, life, and safety, as well as safety hazards resulting from substandard conditions for approximately 40 homes scattered sites. The program will target single family homes owned and occupied by households earning no more than 80% of Area Median Income.

Funding for the OOHR program will use approximately \$3,750,000 of combined federal, state, and local funding sources; approximately \$755,000 will be from Community Development Block Grant Entitlement. The service area is city-wide within Casa Grande city limits. The tiered level review will be multi-year which will be valid for five (5) program years after the issuance of the Authority to Use Grant Funds (AUGF), barring any major changes in the program and/or in the environmental conditions.

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)(3)(i)

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review:

Flood Insurance: Compliance will be achieved at the site-specific level of environmental review of proposed Owner-Occupied Housing activities. Homeowner participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will be required for CDBG funded activities completed on sites within the 100-year floodplain. OOHR activities completed within the 100- year floodplain will require flood insurance be maintained for the economic life of each OOHR site-specific project situated in the 100- year floodplain. Documents demonstrating proof of flood insurance will be furnished prior to the start of the project. See National Flood Plain Participation List.

Floodplain Management: Project sites will be assessed to identify if located in a 100-year Floodplain. Site specific floodplain compliance and mitigation requirements will become a condition of federal assistance for activities.

Historic Preservation: The City of Casa Grande has numerous registered historic sites. These include listed sites from the National Register of Historic Places, historic markers, and historic districts. The subject property will be evaluated to determine the year-built date of the structure. If the property and/or structure is less than 50 years of age and/or is determined as not potentially eligible for, nor listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), it will not be subject to review by the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office and the local Historic Preservation Commission and a Finding of No Historic Properties Affected will be issued by Community Development Division for the proposed undertaking. If the home was constructed at or more than 50 years of the environmental review date, the historic value of properties and structures will be evaluated during the site-specific review to determine the potential impacts of proposed undertakings per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Where an adverse Effect is determined, consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to evaluate the means to avoid or mitigate effects will be sought, and the project may enter into the consultation process to stipulate treatment measures that avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate adverse effects on historic properties. OOHR activities will occur in existing neighborhoods on previously developed lots where the footprint is not expected to be expanded. Therefore, tribal consultation is not applicable to OOHR activities. Site specific environmental review will verify each project's proximity to potential cultural and historical sites, complete SHPO, and describe applicable mitigation requirements to achieve compliance. CDBG funds will be denied in cases where site-specific environmental review discovers an unresolved potential impact on historic or cultural resources.

Noise Abatement and Control: The Noise Abatement and Control Act residential construction establishes the noise level criteria at 24 CFR Part 51.103 for a home's interior required at no more than 45 noise levels recommended at 65 dBA but not to exceed 75 HUD housing programs funded through CDBG programs must comply with the Noise Control Act and as a policy noise analysis is required to both determine the level of exposure to proximate noise sources and the design criteria to be incorporated into projects construction plans. OOHR eligible properties will require noise analysis by mapping each project proximity to major noise sources and evaluating total exposure using HUD's Noise Assessment Tool to calculate the average Day/Night noise level of exposure to determine what attenuation or other mitigation measures are required. OOHR construction activities will be completed in compliance with HUD standards, State and City construction requirements, as well as OOHR minimum construction standards.

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per give citation listed above. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of Casa Grande Community Development Division, 510 E. Florence Blvd, Casa Grande, AZ 85122 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. or if the review was completed in HEROS 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 City of Casa Grande, Community Development Division, 510 E. Florence Blvd, Casa Grande, AZ 85122. All comments received by **December 12, 2025** will be considered by the City of Casa Grande prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION/RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Casa Grande certifies to HUD that Daniel Coxworth in his capacity as the Planning and Development Director 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 Casa Grande to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Casa Grande'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 the name of RE; (b) the RE 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/State; 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 HUD/San Francisco Regional Office-Region IX at One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104-4430 or at rrofsfro@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Name and Title of City of Casa Grande Certifying Officer:

Daniel Coxworth, Planning and Development Director
Certifying Officer