

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

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On or about April 27, 2021, the City of Brunswick will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) (including the Section 108 loan program) to be used for the following projects in the City:

**Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title:** Citywide Demolition Program Non Site-Specific Multi Year (FY2020 - FY2024)

**Purpose:** The purpose of the program is to conduct spot demolition of vacant, dilapidated structures.

**Location:** The City will determine locations on an annual basis.

**Project/Program Description:** To remove slum and blight, the City of Brunswick will continue its spot demolition program. Approximately three sites will be selected annually. Funding will be provided via the CDBG Program. Cumulative multi-year impact will be considered in evaluating the following:

- (i) An individual action on up to four dwelling units where there is a maximum of four units on any one site. The units can be four one-unit buildings or one four-unit building or any combination in between; **or**
- (ii) An individual action on a **project** of five or more housing units developed on scattered sites when the sites are more than 2,000 feet apart and there are not more than four housing units on any one site.

CDBG funding will be as follows:

FY 2020:	\$30,149
FY 2021:	\$30,000
FY 2022:	\$30,000
FY 2023:	\$30,000
FY 2024:	\$30,000

Five year projected total: \$150,149 (Actual amounts will be determined on an annual basis in the Annual Action Plan).

Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review for each location under this program when these become known.

**Level of Environmental Review Citation:** Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(4)(i) and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5. 24 CFR 58.35 (a)(4)(i): An individual action on up to four dwelling units where there is a maximum of four units on any one site. The units can be four one-unit buildings or one four-unit building or any combination in between.

**Tier 2 Site Specific Review:** An environmental review strategy for the above activity has been prepared. Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in

the Tier 1 Broad Level Review for each address under this program when addresses become known. Tier 2 Site Specific Reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Contaminants and Toxic Substances, Endangered Species, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation and Environmental Justice. If project spacing is less than 2,000 feet and/or there are more than four units as part of a project, a separate ERR will be completed.

**Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):** Each site shall be reviewed against these factors, with compliance fully documented, before approving any specific activity. Any site-specific location determined to exceed the environmental constraints established for the program will require a separate environmental review

### **Rise Risley Roof Replacement**

The project involves replacing the roof of the Risley High School building by layering the new roof on top of the old roof. The City will use CDBG funds to assist Coastal Community Action in rehabilitating the structure to use it as a one-stop-shop for persons seeking various services such as those related to unemployment, workforce training, homeless services, etc. The current roof is a low sloped membrane product. The new roof will be overlaid on the existing roof and be a Thermoplastic Polyolefin (TPO) single-ply roofing membrane. Bids were requested assuming three (3) separate thicknesses – 45, 60 and 80-mils. The estimated CDBG budget for this program in FY2020 is \$85,000.

The 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) and 58.34(a)(iii). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at the City of Brunswick, Dept. of Neighborhood and Community Services, 601 Gloucester Street, Brunswick, GA 31520. The ERR will be made available to the public for review in person weekdays 9:00A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The ERR can also be accessed online at the following website:

<https://brunswick.teamunicode.com/ncs/page/notice-intent-request-release-funds-tiered-projects-and-programs>

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Brunswick, Dept. of Neighborhood and Community Services. Please submit your comments by U.S. mail to Jamie Red, Dept. of Neighborhood and Community Services; 601 Gloucester Street, Brunswick, GA 31520 or by email to [jred@cityofbrunswick-ga.gov](mailto:jred@cityofbrunswick-ga.gov). All comments received by April 26, 2021 will be considered by the City of Brunswick prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City certifies to HUD that Cornell Harvey, Certifying Officer, in his official capacity as Mayor 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 Brunswick to use CDBG Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City'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 the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a determination 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Atlanta Office of Community Planning and Development at [CPD\\_COVID-19EE-ATL@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_COVID-19EE-ATL@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD Atlanta via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Cornell Harvey, Mayor