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

4/3/2026

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On or after 04/19/2026 (fifteen days from publication date) the City of Muncie will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds for the PY2026 Community Development Block Grant Program (authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended), and PY 2026 HOME Investment Partnership Program (authorized by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended), to undertake the following projects below. Dollar figures below represent estimated project costs as 2026 allocations have not been established at time of publication:

Tier 1 Broad Review, projects will be located Citywide.
Tier 2 review will be site-specific for the following projects:

Homeowner Rehabilitation (CDBG) $225.000
Housing rehabilitation services for LMI homeowners including roof replacement, HVAC repair/replacement and other repairs
24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i)

Infrastructure (CDBG) $359,123
Milling and paving, sidewalk construction/ replacement, accessibility and other infrastructure improvements; park improvements
24 CFR 58.35(a)(1) Street improvements
25 CFR 58.35(a)(1) or 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(iii) or 24 CFR 58.36 Park Improvements

Slum & Blight Clearance (CDBG) $225,000
Demolition of dilapidated structures, asbestos inspection and abatement, dumpsters and related services
24 CFR 58.35(a)(4)(i)

Homebuyer Development (HOME) $138,060
CHDO Reserve (HOME) $ 76,314
Substantial rehabilitation and or new construction of two homes. Both homes will be sold to LMI families.
24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) Rehabilitation and/or 24 CFR 58.36 New Construction

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 all programs when addresses become known.

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

- Floodplain Management, Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55.
- Historic Preservation, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800.
- Noise Abatement and Control, Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B (when creating new housing units).
- Wetlands Protection, Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5.
- Environmental Justice, Executive Order 12898

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Project sites will be rejected if they do not conform to any of the laws and regulations covered by the Tier 2 review.

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 58.35. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at:

- Office of Community Development, 300 N. High St, 3rd Floor, Muncie, IN 47305 where it may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M.
- www.muncie.in.gov > Community Development Department > Topics of Interest > Environmental Reviews

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR by mail to Gretchen Cheesman, Director, Community Development, 300 N. High St., Muncie, IN 47305 or by email to communitydev@muncie.in.gov. All comments received by 8:00 AM on 04/20/26 will be considered by the City of Muncie prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Muncie certifies to HUD that Dan Ridenour, Certifying Officer, in his 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 Muncie to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and City of Muncie'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 objections are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Muncie; (b) the City of Muncie 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 e-mailed to the HUD Indianapolis Field Office at CPDRROFIND@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Dan Ridenour, Mayor, Certifying Officer

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