

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI-RROF)

DATE OF NOTICE: December 11, 2025

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On or about; but not before December 19, **2025** the City of Camden will authorize the Department of Finance's Bureau of Grants Management to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Newark CPD field office for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to undertake public facility projects known as the Fire Department Rehabilitation Projects, Phase II, for the purpose of improving the quality of life, environment and to satisfy National Objectives – reduction of slum and blight at the following levels of funding as approved by the City's Consolidated Plan.

Fire Department – Rehabilitation Projects:

Project Scope: The proposed project involves the repointing of existing brick work at various locations and rehabilitation/replacement of temporary support foundation in the basement.

Project Location: Engine 11 – North 27th and Hayes Ave CT#6009

Project Amount: \$100,000.00

Project Scope: The proposed project involves the replacement of overhead doors, replacement of exterior man-doors, and replacement of temporary fencing and driveway gate.

Project Location: Engine 9 - 1 N. 27th St CT#6009

Project Amount: \$165,000.00

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Camden City Hall, 3rd Floor office of Finance - Bureau of Grants Management where the ERR is available for review and may be examined and copied weekdays 8:30am – 4:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to the Division of Planning and Zoning, Department of Planning and Development at the above listed address or by emailing edwillia@camdennj.gov before December 19, 2025. The City of Camden prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds will consider all comments received before December 19, 2025. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Division of Planning and Zoning, Department of Planning and Development certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development that the Honorable Victor G. Carstarphen, 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. The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Camden to use Program funds.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the RE'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 basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Camden; (b) the Division of Planning and Zoning has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development; 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 the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development at the Office of Community Planning & Development, CPDRROFNJN@hud.gov Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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