

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE OF NOTICE: January 7, 2026

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This notice shall satisfy requirements for housing rehabilitation activities to be undertaken by the City of Camden.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 15, 2026, 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) from the FY 25 allocation of funds to undertake the following programs known as:

Department of Planning and Development (DPD) – Division of Housing Services- Property Improvement Program (PIP)

Project Scope: The purpose of this project is to provide grants for minor to moderate rehabilitation activities, i.e., windows, roofing, plumbing, electrical, etc.

Project Location: Citywide Activity

Total Project Amount: \$275,000.00

The basis of said request is 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.

The Property Improvement Program project is Categorically Excluded (CE) under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) but still subject to floodplain management and historical significance. The Property Improvement Program Project is consistent with 24CFR 58.35 (a). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the offices of the Bureau Of Grants Management, Department of Finance, City Hall, Room 316, 6th and Market St., Camden, New Jersey where the record is available for review and may be examined between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm., Camden, New Jersey 08101.

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. The City of Camden prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds will consider all comments received via mail or email to kemobley@camdennj.gov by January 15, 2026. 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 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) 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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