On or after February 15, 2022, the City of Boise Housing & Community Development Division (HCD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of Community Planning and Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake the following project:

**Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title:** Home Improvement Program

**Purpose:** To use these funds for the Home Improvement Program to rehabilitate homes for qualifying low and moderate-income homeowners and landlords.

**Location:** City of Boise Municipal Boundaries. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.

**Project/Program Description:** The City of Boise’s Home Improvement Program is designed to foster safe and sanitary conditions, bring housing up to current codes, and help defray costs for home improvements, emergency repairs, energy efficiency, accessibility, and preservation of properties. In this Tier 1 broad review, the following laws and authorities will not be triggered by the Home Improvement Program: Air Quality (Clean Air Act, 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93), Coastal Barrier Resources Act and Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990, Coastal Zone Management Act, Endangered Species Act of 1973 (50 CFR Part 402), Explosive and Flammable Hazards (24 CFR Part 51), Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 CFR Part 658), Sole Source Aquifers (Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, 40 CFR Part 149), Wetlands Protection (Executive Order 11990), Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898. **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:** The Home Improvement Program falls under the following categorical exclusions: 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i) and 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(ii)


**Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):** Each of the laws and authorities identified in the Tier 2 reviews will be analyzed on a case-by-case basis with site-specific environmental review checklists and applicable worksheets. This will determine conditions/required mitigation measures and/or rejection of projects per HCD Policies and Procedures. HCD will address site-specific conditions/issues as follows: *Airport Hazards (Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones, 24 CFR Part 51) – projects in RPZ/CZ will be rejected; for projects within APZ, will mitigate impact per DOD guidelines or reject project.*
Contamination and Toxic Substances (24 CFR Parts 50, 58) – mitigate conditions that could impact health/safety by removing, stabilizing, or encapsulating toxic substances in accordance with appropriate oversight agency or reject project; may include site clean-up, soil replacement, LBP/ACM abatement and/or LBP safe work practice procedures.

Floodplain Management (24 CFR Part 55, Executive Order 11988) – implement applicable compliance measures or reject project. Measures may include properly designed drainage systems, foundation waterproofing, and/or use of water-resistant materials.


National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (36 CFR Part 800) – for structures older than 45 years, consult with SHPO and comply with 36 CFR Part 800 or reject project; measures may include installation of specific style of window, replacement of architectural components, and an “Inadvertent Discovery Plan” for projects with planned ground disturbance.

Noise Abatement and Control (Noise Control Act of 1972 and Quiet Communities Act of 1978, 24 CFR Part 51) – implement mitigation measures to eliminate adverse noise impacts per guidelines or reject project; measures may include improved building envelope such as thicker windows/diors, strengthened sheathing, more insulation, and sealed gaps.

**Estimated Project Cost:** This Tier 1 broad review will cover a 5-year period corresponding with the City’s 5-Year Consolidated Plan 2021–2025. Funds are allocated each year in the City’s Annual Action Plan (AAP). The 2021 AAP allocated $725,000 of CDBG funds.

The activity proposed is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i) and 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(ii). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project may be reviewed online at [https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/](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 Boise Housing and Community Development Division at housing@cityofboise.org or P.O. Box 500, Boise, ID 83701. All comments received by February 14, 2022, will be considered by the City of Boise prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**
The City of Boise certifies to HUD that Maureen Brewer, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as HCD Senior Manager 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 Boise to use HUD program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**
HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Boise’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 City of Boise; (b) the City of Boise 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 sent to HUD Region X Portland Field Office, Community Planning and Development Director, via email at CPD_COVID-19OEE-POR@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Maureen Brewer, HCD Senior Manager, City of Boise, Certifying Officer

Persons may request language interpretation and/or reasonable accommodation to facilitate participation by contacting the Housing and Community Development Division between 8:00am and 5:00pm at (208) 570-6830, TTY (800) 377-3529, (208)384-4131 (facsimile). Please allow a minimum of five business days prior to the meeting to arrange for assistance.

THIS DOCUMENT CAN BE PROVIDED IN A FORMAT ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND/OR PERSONS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY UPON REQUEST.

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