

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK, MARYLAND
FY 2020-2024 CAPITAL FUNDS PROGRAM GRANT**

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI-RROF)**

PUBLICATION DATE: February 15, 2021
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS: The purpose of this notice is to satisfy two (2) separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick, MD.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 8, 2021, the City of Frederick will authorize the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Capital Fund Program Grant Funds under Section 9 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake projects funded by the FY 2020-2024 Capital Fund Program Grants for the purpose of housing rehabilitation, community facility improvements, and site improvements in the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick public housing developments located in the City of Frederick, MD.

The following projects are categorically excluded from the NEPA requirements (24 CFR 58.35), and there is no requirement for an environmental assessment. An ERR, which more fully sets forth the reasons why no such assessment is required, is on file and may be consulted at the City of Frederick Planning Department and the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick main office, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED PROJECTS

- **Hillcrest Commons** – The work will consist of replacement of glass only within the window sashes at all windows and the replacement of shingles and other related work to the roofs at all 3 buildings. Project budget is \$220,000, utilizing FY 2023 and FY 2024 Capital Fund Program funding.
- **Lucas Village** – The work will consist of replacement of EPDM roof and related work to the roofing system of the Police Activities League (PAL) Building (111 Pennsylvania Avenue); replacement of shingles and other related work to roofs at

the Apartment Buildings located at 153 A-F Pennsylvania Avenue & 116 A-F Rhode Island Court; renovation of the interior of the community room including the replacement of gas range, refrigerator, countertop to cabinets in kitchen, replacement of flooring & ceiling, HVAC ductwork, all light fixtures, installation of shelving in storage room closet, and repair of existing drywall & painting of entire room at Clara D. Harris Community Room (111 Pennsylvania Avenue); tuck point exterior masonry walls to the building of the Police Activities League (PAL) Building (111 Pennsylvania Avenue); and a comprehensively renovate and modernize of approximately 4 units per year as they become vacant. The renovations will consist of replacement of flooring, windows, HVAC vents, kitchen upgrades including the replacement of cabinets, countertops, sink and faucets, appliances, bathroom upgrade including replacement of bathtub and shower, vanity and countertop, sink and faucet, toilet, and repair of existing drywall and painting of entire unit in approximately 7 units (4 in 3rd year & 3 in 4th year). The addresses of these units could be any of the street addresses as listed for Lucas Village. This is a multi-year activity. Project budget is \$514,042, utilizing FY 2023 and FY 2024 Capital Fund Program funding.

The above projects may extend beyond one fiscal year and may require funding from future fiscal years.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The City of Frederick has determined that the above-identified projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environment Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Frederick, Planning Department, 140 W Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701 and at the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick, 209 Madison Street, Frederick, MD 21701, and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

The activities listed immediately above are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Additional project information is contained in the respective project ERR on file, which is available for review or copying at the same location and time specified in the preceding FONSI statement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Frederick, Planning Department via email to: jadkins@cityoffrederickmd.gov or via phone (301) 600-1499, or via mail at: 140 W Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701. All comments received by March 5, 2021 will be considered by the City of Frederick prior to authorizing submittal of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Frederick certifies to HUD that Mr. Joe Adkins, in his capacity as the City of Frederick Deputy Director for Planning, 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 these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick to use Federal Public Housing Capital Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Frederick's certification received by March 23, 2021, or a period of fifteen days from its 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 Frederick; (b) the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick 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 projects are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Section 58.76), and shall be addressed to Mr. Charles Halm, Director of Community Planning, via email at charles.e.halm@hud.gov, (410) 209-6541, Public and Indian Housing Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Baltimore Office, Bank of America Building, Tower II, 100 South Charles Street, 5th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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Frederick, MD 21701
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Posted on:

Monday, February 15, 2021 through Friday, March 5, 2021

Posted locations:

The notice will be posted at the following locations during normal business hours of operation:

City of Frederick

140 W Patrick Street

Frederick, MD 21701

<https://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov/>

Housing Authority of the City of Frederick

Main Office

209 Madison Street

Frederick, MD 21701

<https://www.hacfrederick.org/>

Hillcrest Commons

1150 Orchard Terrace

Frederick MD 21703

Lucas Village

111 Pennsylvania Avenue

Frederick, MD 21701