

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 24, 2025

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On or after April 1, 2025, Prince George's County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Planning and Development Division. The request will be for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (Program) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

1. Town of Bladensburg Roadway Improvement – The Town of Bladensburg will use the funds for street improvements to include milling and paving and overlay repairs on three roadways. 1.) 54th Place from south of Chesapeake Road to Tilden Road; 2.) 52nd Street from Tilden Road to its end; and 3.) 51st Street from Edmonston Road to Upsher Street. The estimated HUD funding amount is \$188,750.
2. United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. (UCAP) William Sidney Pittman Cultural Center Renovation – UCAP will use the funds to renovate a historic building to create a cultural center, provide new office space for UCAP, establish a senior center, develop a training facility, and set up an artist workspace and podcast studio. Approximately 2,000 individuals will benefit from this project. UCAP plans to use the requested funds to fill a funding gap caused by increased construction and renovation costs. These funds will allow for asbestos building materials (ACM) abatement, masonry repair, and roofing repair. The estimated HUD funding amount is \$170,639.
3. Town of Edmonston 2025 Street and Sidewalk Improvement – The Town of Edmonston will use the funds to install a sidewalk in the 4900 block of 52nd Place and overlay the following streets: 52nd Avenue from Decatur Street to Tanglewood Drive, Emerson Street from 51st Avenue to 52nd Place, 51st Place from Crittenden Street to Decatur Street, and 51st Avenue from Decatur Street to Emerson Street. The Town of Edmonston had nearly 80% of its streets overlaid after a WSSC water main replacement project in 2004. This project would complete overlays for all streets in Ward 2. The sidewalk on 52nd Place would complete a sidewalk network on one side of all streets on the east side of the river. The estimated HUD funding amount is \$164,065.
4. Town of Colmar Manor Street Paving – The Town of Colmar Manor will use the funds to repair roadways that have shown age, safety issues, and have standing water problems. The repairs will be done by milling and repaving with asphalt on 42nd Avenue from Newark Road to its end with Lawrence Street, 43rd Avenue from Newark Street to Lawrence Street, and Newton Street, Monroe Street, and Lawrence and Lawrence Street between 42nd and 43rd Avenues. The estimated HUD funding amount is \$284,850.

The activity proposed is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An electronic version of the

environmental review record is temporarily posted on the HUD Exchange at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments to the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development by sending an e-mail to Jmbotiji@co.pg.md.us. All comments received by March 31, 2025, will be considered by Prince George's County prior to submitting a request for release of funds.

CERTIFICATION

Prince George's County certifies to HUD that Ashley Johnson-Hare, in her capacity as Deputy Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, 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 Prince George's County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Prince George's County'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 Prince George's County; (b) Prince George's County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) a 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 addressed to Mr. Michael D. Rose, Director, Community Planning and Development Division, HUD at michael.d.rose@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD at that email address to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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