

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 31, 2025
City of Massillon, Ohio
Municipal Government Annex
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On or after November 10, 2025 the City of Massillon will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following program activities.

Tier 1 Broad Review Program Title: The City of Massillon will undertake three types of program activities: 1) housing rehabilitation (Housing Rehabilitation Program and Habitat for Humanity Preserve a Home Program); 2) building demolition (City Demolition Program); and 3) commercial rehabilitation/improvements (Massillon Main Street).

Purpose: The program activities will improve the City's housing stock, enable homeowners to remain in their homes, improve neighborhood conditions, and improve Massillon's downtown commercial district.

Location: The housing rehabilitation and building demolition programs can be implemented citywide, subject to program parameters. The commercial building improvement program will be implemented within the boundaries of the Massillon Main Street program.

Project/Program Description: The program activities will address existing buildings in an urban setting. The housing rehabilitation activities will provide housing rehabilitation and emergency repair assistance to low-to-moderate income homeowners. The demolition activities will demolish vacant, blighted housing units, which will alleviate blighting influences on neighborhoods. The Massillon Main Street Program will provide façade improvements to commercial buildings. 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 these programs when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: Categorical Exclusion per 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i) (Single-family housing rehabilitation); 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(iii) (Commercial building rehabilitation), and 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(4)(i) (Demolition).

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, and Noise Abatement and Control.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Mitigation for Flood Insurance and Floodplain Management will be required flood insurance policies, as warranted (Not applicable)

for demolition activities). Mitigation for Contamination and Toxic Substances will be created following applicable regulations (federal, state, and/or local). If a historic building is identified, mitigation for Historic Preservation will be created following applicable federal regulations. Mitigation for Noise Abatement and Control in existing owner-occupied housing units and commercial buildings will be created if existing indoor noise levels are at or above 65 decibels, per 24 CFR 51.101(a)(5).

Estimated Project Cost: HUD funding and the total estimated project cost is the same: \$2,762,500.00.

The program activities proposed are 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) (Single-family housing rehabilitation); 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(iii) (Commercial building rehabilitation), and 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(4)(i) (Demolition). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the above address and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30am to 4:30pm, or at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Massillon. All comments received by November 7, 2025 will be considered by the City of Massillon prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Please submit written comments to Director of Development Ted Herncane, Municipal Government Annex, 151 Lincoln Way East, Massillon, OH 44646 or email therncane@massillonohio.gov.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Massillon certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Jamie Slutz in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Massillon 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/State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Massillon to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD/State will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Massillon'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 Massillon; (b) the City of Massillon 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/State; 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 and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning & Development at CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jamie Slutz, Mayor, City of Massillon, Ohio
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