

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

September 1, 2026
Clermont County
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Batavia, OH 45103
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On or about September 16, 2026, Clermont County will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), as amended, to undertake the following projects:

- **Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title:** 25-3 Façade Improvement Program
 - **Purpose:** Assist small businesses in LMI downtown areas with exterior repairs and renovations to alleviate blight.
 - **Location:** Only small businesses located in Clermont County LMI downtown areas will qualify. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.
 - **Project/Program Description:** The program will assist in alleviating issues associated with blight as well as improve the general “downtown” neighborhood, or community asset(s) that establish a sense of place for Clermont County residents. 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:** 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(iii)
 - **Estimated Project Cost:** \$100,000

- **Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title:** 25-4 Home Safety Repair Program for Seniors
 - **Purpose:** Restore or maintain a safe living environment for Clermont County seniors.
 - **Location:** Single-family dwellings owned by Clermont County homeowners 60+ years of age with low to moderate income. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.
 - **Project/Program Description:** The program will provide critical home repairs and modifications for elderly persons such as furnace repairs, or addition of wheel chair ramps to residential homes. 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:** 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i)
 - **Estimated Project Cost:** \$85,000

- **Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title:** 25-8 Homeowner Septic Rehab Program
 - **Purpose:** Assist low-income homeowners with the repair, replacement, or abandonment of their failing household sewage treatment system.
 - **Location:** Only owner-occupied single-family dwellings located in Clermont County will qualify. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site specific reviews.
 - **Project/Program Description:** The program will assist approximately 10 low-income homeowners with the repair, replacement, or abandonment of their failing

household sewage treatment system. 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:** 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i)
- **Estimated Project Cost:** \$85,000

Tier 2 Site Specific Review

The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review:

- Airport Hazards - 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D
- Flood Insurance - Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]
- Contamination and Toxic Substances - 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]
- Endangered Species - Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402
- Floodplain Management - Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55
- Historic Preservation - National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800
- Noise Abatement and Control - Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B
- Sole Source Aquifers - Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149
- Wild and Scenic Rivers - Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): The tier 2 site specific review will assess each project per the laws and authorities not addressed as part of the Tier 1 review. Issues will be addressed as needed based on current HUD guidance and mitigation measures, conditions, or permits required will be implemented.

The activity/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). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at 101 E. Main Street, Batavia, OH 45103 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Clermont County Community & Economic Development Department at the address listed above or to the email address spartin@clermontcountyohio.gov. All comments received before September 16, 2026, will be considered by Clermont County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Clermont County certifies to HUD that Bonnie Batchler, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as President of the Board of County Commissioners 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 Clermont County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Clermont 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 Clermont County; (b) Clermont County 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 addressed to CPD Director, HUD Columbus Field Office electronically at email address: CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Bonnie Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners, Certifying Officer