

Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds [Tiered Reviews]

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

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On or after December 17, 2025, the R6 Regional Council will submit a request to the HUD Program Office for the release of Aging in Place funds under HUD Older Adult Home Modification Grant of the Notice of Funding Opportunity FR-6800-N-69 [April 1, 2025-March 31, 2028], to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: *Aging in Place Renovation Program.*

Purpose: *The purpose of this program is to address the critical safety, accessibility, and functional needs of older adults aged 62 and above who reside within our rural area. R6 Regional Council is requesting the release of funds to implement a tiered home renovation project that will assist approximately twenty-six (26) low-income households with essential home modification and repairs that will allow them to age in their homes safely.*

The need for this program is driven by increasing requests from older adults who are experiencing mobility limitations, chronic health conditions, and unsafe living environments that place them at heightened risk for falls, injury, and premature institutionalization. Due to limited local resources, long contractor wait times, and financial constraints faced by fixed-income seniors, they are unable to complete the necessary modifications on their own.

Location: *These 26 households will be located in the following six counties: Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne.*

Project/Program Description: *The proposed program will provide targeted home renovations, such as accessibility improvements, bathroom modifications, entryway repairs, and general safety upgrades, that directly support aging in place. These improvements will reduce health and safety hazards, increase mobility within the home, and enhance overall quality of life for participating seniors. By investing in these modifications, R6 aims to preserve housing stability, prevent accidents, and ensure that older adults can remain safely and comfortably in their primary residences for as long as possible. 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 specific categorical exclusion citation under which this program falls. Is Rehabilitation Program of home-owner occupied single family homes, state: "24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i)"*

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: *The following items will be reviewed on a site-specific basis: Flood Insurance; Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]. Second Historic*

Preservation: National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800. Third Contamination and Toxic Substances; Each unit will be assessed for hazards through an online database search and a site visit, 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2). Final is Airport Hazards; We will look up their location in relation to civil airports and military airfields, 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): *Airport hazards, persite, we will look up their location in relation to the only airport in the county. Any homes within 2,500 feet will be further assessed for their location in relation to the Runway Protection Zone. Any homes within an RPZ will not be assisted. Flood Insurance, persite, we will check the FEMA Map service center for each unit's location in relation to floodplains. Any home within a 100-year floodplain (zone A) will be required to purchase flood insurance for the life of the property, limited in assistance to \$10,000, or denied. Contamination and Toxic Substance; each unit will be assessed through our program for hazards such as lead-based paint, mold, and radon. In addition, we will assess each unit through database searches for leaking underground storage tanks and EPA facilities. Upon positive finding of any of these contaminants and toxic substances, mitigation will be completed, such as lead-based safe work performed, Mold remediation, Radon mitigation system installation, and denial of the project if necessary for underground storage tanks or EPA facilities.*

Estimated Project Cost: *This project will not exceed \$20,000 per unit cost.*

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 58.35(b)(CENST) or TEIR 1 Broad . An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at R6 Regional Council at 82 East 600 North Richfield, UT, and may be examined or copied weekdays, Monday through Thursday, 9 A.M to 5 P.M. or at <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 R6 Regional Council, KerrieLynn Beard @ 82 East 600 North Richfield, UT, 84701 All comments received by December 9, 2025 through December 16, 2025 will be considered by the R6 Regional Council Project Director prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The R6 Regional Council certifies to HUD that Travis Kyhl, Certifying Officer, in his/her capacity as Executive Director 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 R6 Regional Council to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the RE'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 name of RE; (b) the RE 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 *HUD administration office* at <https://www.hud.gov/contact>. Potential objectors should contact *HUD* to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Travis Kyhl, Executive Director, R6 Regional Council, Certifying Officer

Note: The seven or ten-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15 to *HUD/State*. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. The fifteen-day objection period is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by *HUD/State*, whichever is later.