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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (Tiered Review)

11/23/2026

City of Pawtucket
137 Roosevelt Avenue
Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 02860

Jean Philippe Barros, Program Director, 401-728-0500 Ext. 286

On or about 12/7/2026 the City of Pawtucket will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes Production funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, as amended, to undertake the following multi-year program/project: Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, for the purpose of identifying and reducing lead-based paint hazards and other housing-related health hazards in eligible residential properties within the City of Pawtucket, with Providence Revolving Fund (PRF) and Blackstone Valley Community Action Program (BVCAP) serving as subrecipients. The City of Pawtucket is requesting the release of $ 4,400,000.00 of Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Home Supplement and a $420,000.00 match of CDBG funds.

The proposed Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Home program will provide lead testing and mitigation, minor housing repairs and rehabilitation, and other related health and safety interventions in eligible residential properties. Activities to be funded under this program are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58. In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target area(s) listed above. Compliance with other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be met when individual projects are reviewed, i.e., Flood Insurance, Historic Preservation, Contamination/Toxics. Should individual aggregate projects exceed the threshold for categorical exclusion detailed at §58.35(a), an Environmental Assessment will be completed and a separate Finding of No Significant Impact and Request for Release of Funds published. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Pawtucket City Hall, Department of Planning and Redevelopment, located at 137 Roosevelt Ave. Pawtucket RI 02860 and may be examined or copied Monday - Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. An electronic copy may also be requested by emailing Jean Philippe Barros jbarros@pawtucketri.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Department of Planning and Redevelopment, Pawtucket City Hall, located at 137 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket RI, 02860. All comments received by December 7, 2026 will be considered by City of Pawtucket prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Pawtucket certifies to HUD that Donald R Grebien in his official capacity as Mayor, 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 City of Pawtucket to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Pawtucket certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date cited above or HUD's actual receipt of the request by December 7, 2026 only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Pawtucket; (b) the City of Pawtucket has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the City of Pawtucket has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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), and may be addressed to HUD and sent to the email address: OLHCHHPECOS@hud.gov

Donald R. Grebien
Mayor