

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FOR SONOMA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION COUNTYWIDE HOUSING
REHABILITATION PROGRAMS**

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On or after **Wednesday December 24, 2025** the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (SCCDC) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Programs (Programs), including the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP) and Disability Services and Legal Center housing access modification work.

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Programs

Purpose: The Programs are identified in the Sonoma County Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, for the purpose of providing comprehensive rehabilitation and targeted hazard mitigation assistance to make needed repairs and improvements to conventional single- and multi-family housing and mobile homes owned and/or occupied by extremely low-, low-, and moderate-income households, including some with special needs. Additionally, some housing access modifications may be undertaken by the Disability Services and Legal Center.

Location: The Programs will be carried out in scattered sites throughout the unincorporated areas of Sonoma County, California and incorporated areas of the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, and Sonoma, and the town of Windsor. Specific addresses will be assessed in the Tier 2 site specific reviews.

Project/Program Description: The Programs include the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, which supports health, safety, and code-related improvements to single-family dwellings, mobile homes, and individual units in multi-family structures occupied by low and moderate-income households along with Disability and Legal Services Housing Access Modification Program Which provides accessibility improvements such as ramps, chair lifts and interior access and mobility improvements for qualifying low and moderate-income households. CDBG funds, reprogrammed funds from prior fiscal years, and program income will be made available for these activities. The Programs will span Fiscal Years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, and 2029-2030. It is anticipated that up to 225 units will be renovated, expending upward to \$3 million during the time period. 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) and (ii)

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The Tier 2 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];
- Coastal Zone Management: Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d);
- Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2);
- 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; and
- Noise Abatement and Control: Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Any mitigation measures, conditions, and/or permits required by the relevant laws and authorities for the specific project locations will be determined in the Tier 2 site specific review. Documentation of each site's compliance with the laws and authorities listed above will be included in the Tier 2 site specific review, to be completed in accordance with the Tier 2 strategy and checklist.

Estimated Project Cost: \$3,000,000

The 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is available on the following website: <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>. A hard copy of the ERR is additionally on file at SCCDC, 141 Stony Circle, suite 210, Santa Rosa, CA 95401-4142. The SCCDC will supplement this ERR with Tier 2 site specific reviews addressing such factors as Airport Hazards, Flood Insurance, Coastal Zone Management, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, and Noise Abatement and Control, prior to approving any loan or grant under the Programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the environmental review record to Marc Chandler, Sonoma County Community Development Commission 141 Stony Circle, Suite 210, Santa Rosa, CA 95401-4142 or by email to marc.chandler@sonomacounty.gov.

All comments received by **Tuesday December 23, 2025** will be considered by the SCCDC prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The SCCDC certifies to HUD that Michelle Whitman, Certifying Officer, in 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 SCCDC to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the SCCDC'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 SCCDC; (b) the SCCDC 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 the Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. HUD Region IX, via email to RROFSFRO@hud.gov or mailed to HUD San Francisco Regional Office, One Sansome Street, suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104 . Potential objectors should contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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