

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

**CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES
PER 24 CFR 58.35(a)**

September 10th, 2021

City of Bessemer
Economic and Community Development
1700 3rd Avenue North
Bessemer, AL 35020
Telephone: 205-424-4060

To all interested Agencies, Groups, and Persons:

**CDBG-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
Grant Number: B-21-MC-01-0009**

On or about October 4, 2021, the City of Bessemer Economic and Community Development will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community Planning and Development, Birmingham, Alabama to release Federal funds for the CDBG-Community Block Grant Program, made pursuant to the authority of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42 USC 5301 et seq.). For the following types of eligible projects and activities:

These programs were design to develop so as to given maximum priority to activities will benefit low to moderate income persons, or aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight. The projected use of funds is consistent with the City's established strategy the community and reversing negative trends associated with urban decay and blight. The following of propose program activities 1. Program Administration 2. Planning Cost. 3. Housing Delivery Cost 4. Lead Testing (Housing) 5. Emergency Grant (Housing) 6. Housing Purchase Assistance/Down Payment 7. Public Improvement 8. Public Facilities (Building) 9. Public Facilities (Bus Shelters). The projects and activities will be carried out in Low Moderate Benefit Areas of the City. The funding sources are identified below:

City of Bessemer Project No.: B-21-MC-01-0009 Project Area(s): City of Bessemer CDBG-CV: \$598,741.00
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This Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Bessemer City Hall 1700 3rd Ave. N Bessemer Alabama 35020, and is available for public examination and copying upon request

between the hours of 8:00 A.M.-4:45 P.M. Please note the ERR includes and Environmental Monitoring for Unspecified Sites Strategy for Housing Related Activities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the office of Community and Economic Development, c/o Abraham Ward, 1700 3rd Ave. North Bessemer Al. 35020. All written comments received by September 30th, 2021 will be considered by Bessemer Community Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Bessemer will undertake the project activities described above the CDBG-Community Development Block Grant funds from the City of Bessemer pursuant to the authority of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42 USC 5301 et seq.). The City of Bessemer Community Development Department is certifying to Department of HUD that Kenneth E. Gulley, 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. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, The City of Bessemer may use CDBG-Community Development Block Grant Program will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Office of Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept an objection to its release of funds and The City of Bessemer's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer of The City of Bessemer; (b) that The City of Bessemer has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.10 the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58.13 before approval of release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58 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 shall be addressed to U.S.Department of Housing and Urban Development, Birmingham Field Office, The Plaza. 417 20th Street North Suite 700 Birmingham Alabama 35203. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kenneth E. Gulley, Mayor
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