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

PUBLICATION DATE: November 6, 2025 GRANTEE NAME: Upper Darby Township ADDRESS: 100 Garrett Road

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On or about November 14, 2025, the Township of Upper Darby, PA will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93 383), as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: <u>Townshipwide Residential Rehabilitation Program Non Site-Specific Multi Year (2025-2029)</u>. The purpose of the program is to rehabilitate the Township's Housing Stock.

Project/Program Description: CDBG and HOME funds will be used to rehabilitate owner-occupied structures located within Upper Darby Township limits. Rehabilitation will include, but not be limited to: Code Violation Items: Improvements which ensure the health and safety of the occupants or assist in preventing neighborhood blight and that all major code violations have been corrected and will remain in a safe, sanitary and decent condition for a reasonable period of time. Improvements may include sewer lateral and sidewalk replacement, as identified by the inspection. Lead Hazard Reduction (required if found): The treatment of lead-based paint hazards is required. For housing constructed prior to 1978, lead hazards will be evaluated and eliminated in accordance with the Lead Safe Housing Rule at 24 CFR §35 Subpart J. Health Hazard Reduction: Eliminate health hazards such as inadequate plumbing, unsuitable sewage disposal, lead paint, radon issues, or unsanitary bathroom and kitchen facilities. Energy Conservation: Promote energy conservation with proper insulation, storm windows, storm doors, efficient heating systems. Preservation of property: Provide quality roofs, adequate roof drainage, proper foundations and proper exterior siding or paint. Handicap Barrier Removal: Provide appropriate accessibility improvements for persons with disabilities. The improvements will not increase the structure's capacity and will not involve additions or expansion of the structure.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: According to 24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i), the level of review required for this program is Categorically Excluded from NEPA requirements, but is still subject to certain laws and authorities.

Estimated Project Cost: Funding will be provided via the CDBG and HOME Programs. Estimated PY 2025 allocation \$938,467.18; estimated five-year total \$4,692,335.90. Actual funding amounts will be described in the Township's annual action plan (s).

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirement. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Township of Upper Darby office of Community and Economic Development, at 100 Garrett Road Upper Darby, PA 19082, and may be examined and copied weekdays from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Upper Darby Township office of Community and Economic Development at the address listed above. All comments received by November 13, 2025, will be considered by the Township of Upper Darby prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Township of Upper Darby certified to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Edward Brown in their 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 for the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Township of Upper Darby to use Program Funds.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Township of Upper Darby'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 Township of Upper Darby; (b) the Township of Upper Darby 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 HUD Region III Philadelphia Regional Office at 100 Penn Square East Philadelphia, PA 19107. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.