

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

Date of Publication: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

*City of Colonial Heights
201 James Avenue
Colonial Heights, VA 23834
Phone: (804) 520-9297*

On or after Wednesday, July 02, 2025 the City of Colonial Heights Department of Planning and Community Development will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: *City of Colonial Heights Home Repair Program for Program Years 2025- 2029*

Purpose: *Minor housing repairs and rehabilitation for qualifying low-and moderate-income owner-occupied households.*

Location: *Single-family residential buildings that meet the national objectives within the City of Colonial Heights*

Project/Program Description: *The Home Repair Program is a non-site specific, citywide, multi-year, single-family minor housing repair and rehabilitation program covering a five-year period starting with the 2025 Program Year and ending with the 2029 Program Year (07/01/2025 through 06/30/2029), to coincide with the Consolidated Plan. It cannot be used for projects that do not meet §58.35(a)(3)(i), where residential use contains more than four units, density is increased, or land use is changed.*

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: *Categorically Excluded subject to Section 58.5 Pursuant to 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: *Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800, Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55 and Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2).*

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): *None*

Estimated Project Cost: *The City anticipates allocating approximately \$100,000 per year in CDBG funding to these programs over the next five years. HUD funding represents 100% of the project costs. The actual annual amount will be identified in the Annual Action Plan.*

The activity/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(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file City of Colonial Heights, Department of Planning and Community Development, 201 James Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M. or at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Colonial Heights, Department of Planning and Community Development, 201 James Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834. All comments received by the close of business Tuesday, July 01, 2025, will be considered by the City of Colonial Heights prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Colonial Heights certifies to HUD that Douglas E. Smith, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as City Manager 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 Colonial Heights to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Colonial Height' 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 City of Colonial Heights; (b) the City of Colonial Heights 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 emailed to CPDROFRIC@hud.gov, Attention: Mr. Ronnie J. Legette, Sr., Director, Community Planning and Development Division. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (800) 842-2610, Extension 4824, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*City of Colonial Heights
Douglas E. Smith
City Manager, Certifying Officer*