

## Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

**September 16, 2024**

**Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority  
325 Moore Street  
East Liverpool, OH 43920  
330-386-5970**

On or about September 25, 2024 the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of FY2023 and FY2024 Radon Testing and Mitigation for Public Housing funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, as amended, to undertake the following multi-year program/project: Radon Testing & Radon Mitigation for Public Housing within the cities of East Liverpool and Wellsville, Ohio. The Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority will request the release of \$600,000.

The proposed Radon Testing & Mitigation activities to be funded under this/these program(s) is/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 Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority 325 Moore Street, East Liverpool, OH 43920 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m by appointment. Requests can be submitted through the website at [www.cmhamove.com](http://www.cmhamove.com) or by phone at 330-386-5970 ext. 114.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority or the City of Wellsville City Official Offices. All comments received by September 23, 2024 will be considered by Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority certifies to HUD that Richard Wymer in his official capacity as the 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 Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date of September 25, 2024 or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority; (b) the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority 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](mailto:OLHCHHPECOS@hud.gov)

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