

**FOR ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The City of Wausau has prepared a Broad Level Tiered Environmental Assessment (EA) for the following project. The EA is on file at the address above and is available for public examination and copying. An electric version can also be viewed on the City of Wausau's website.

Project Name: Housing/Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

Nature/Purpose of Project: Projects will consist of necessary repairs/renovations of residential properties to increase energy-efficiency, correct safety issues, code-violations and/or incipit violations. Repairs can also address maintenance issues to maintain and/or improve the value of the property. Program will assist income qualified homeowners OR City-owned properties that need repairs before they can be sold to income qualified households that will utilize the property as their primary residence.

Location: No targeted areas. Any owner occupied 1 -4 unit building located within the City of Wausau's corporate limits

Estimated Cost of Project: approximately \$267,000 in new funding along with approximately \$70,000 of revolving loan funds each year for a total of \$350,000 in revolving loan funds. This represents 5 years of funding.

The City of Wausau has determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the City of Wausau has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact State (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reason for such decision is: **None of the federal and state agencies contacted noted any negative environmental concerns with the proposed new project as it is located in a developed urban area.**

All agencies, groups or individuals disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments to the above address. Such written comments should be received on or before May 8, 2020. All such comments will be considered, and the City of Wausau will not request the release of federal funds or begin the project prior to such date.

On or about August 25, 2020, the City of Wausau will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Milwaukee Field Office (HUD) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for this project.

The City of Wausau is certifying to HUD that it and its chief executive officer, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce environmental review responsibilities, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Upon certification, the City of Wausau may use the CDBG funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to the release of funds and certification only if (a) the certification was not executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of the City of Wausau approved by HUD; or (b) the City of Wausau's EA indicates omissions of a required decision, finding, or step.

Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Milwaukee Field Office at CPD_COVID-19OEE-MIL@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Milwaukee Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Objections for reasons other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received after September 10, 2020 will be considered by HUD.

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