NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FOR A TIERED PROJECT

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Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment
143 First Street
Batavia, IL 60510

On or after October 1, 2021, the Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment will submit a request to the Office of Community Planning and Development, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Utility Energy Consumption Reduction Program.
Purpose: This Program will help eligible, income-qualified Kane County homeowners improve energy efficiency to save household expenditures and reduce the carbon footprint.
Location: Various addresses within the County of Kane. The specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.
Project/Program Description: This Program will help eligible, income-qualified Kane County homeowners improve energy efficiency through insulation, air sealing, minimum-energy light fixtures, and HVAC replacement.
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: Rehabilitation Program of homeowner occupied single-family homes - 24 CFR Part 58.5(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: Airport Hazard Proximity, Floodplain Management and Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Historic Preservation, Wetlands Protection.
Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): None
Estimated Project Cost: $75,000.00 Kane County/HUD funds to assist 18 households.

The activity proposed is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment, 143 First Street, Batavia, IL 60510 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M or at https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment located at 143 First Street, Batavia, IL 60510 or email BeckJosh@co.kane.il.us. All comments received by October 1st, 2021 will be considered by the County of Kane, prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Kane certifies to HUD that Mr. Scott Berger, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as the Director of Kane County’s Office of Community Reinvestment, 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. Approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Kane to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County’s certification for a period of eighteen 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 County of Kane; (b) the County 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Chicago HUD field office, Mr. Donald G. Kathan Director, Office of Community Planning and Development U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2423 Chicago, IL 60604 at CPD_COVID-19OEE-CHI@hud.gov.

Potential objectors should contact CPD_COVID-19OEE-CHI@hud.gov via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mr. Scott Berger, Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment, Certifying Officer