

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (Tiered Review)

Date of Notice

5/20/2025

Name of Responsible Entity (RE), i.e., Grantee

The County of Summit

Address

175 S. Main St.

City, State, Zip Code

Akron, OH 44308

Telephone Number of RE (i.e., Environmental Specialist, Project Director, or Program Manager)

330-643-8013

On or about **5/28/2025** the **County of Summit** will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of **Older Adult Home Modification Program** funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, as amended, to undertake the following multi-year program/project: **OAHP**, for the purpose of **providing low-cost, low-barrier, high-impact home modifications for income-qualified seniors that reside within the County of Summit to facilitate aging in place, safety, and accessibility concerns**. The **County of Summit** is requesting the release of **\$1,999,078.00**.

The proposed 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 **The County of Summit 175 S Main St. Suite 207 Akron, OH 44308** and may be examined or copied weekdays **7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the **County of Summit**. All comments received by **5/27/2025** will be considered by **The County of Summit** prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The **County of Summit** certifies to HUD that **Executive Ilene Shapiro** in her official capacity as **Summit County Executive** 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 **County of Summit** to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the **County of Summit** certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date (cited above) 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 **County of Summit**; (b) the **County of Summit** has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the **County of Summit** 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

The County of Summit
County Executive Ilene Shapiro