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

November 6, 2026

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On or after November 17, 2026, Mineral County will submit a request to the Montana Department of Commerce for the release of funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (PL93-383) to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Mineral County Owner-Occupied CDBG Rehabilitation Loan Program.

Purpose: The proposed project will complete public health and safety repairs and renovation, including accessibility improvements, to CDBG eligible single-family owner-occupied homes located in Mineral County, Montana. All work completed will enhance and preserve the limited affordable housing stock and is in furtherance of and will implement identified goals of the comprehensive County Growth Plan Policy Update adopted in 20l6.

Location: Mineral County

Project/Program Description: Mineral County was awarded a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award of $750,000 from the State of Montana to support the housing rehabilitation program. The county proposes an Owner-occupied single family home rehabilitation program in Mineral County. Eligible homes include those occupied by low- to moderate-income homeowners.

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: 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: Flood Plain per Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a], Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)], Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C, Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55, Historic Preservation per the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800, and Noise Abatement and Control per the Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B.

Estimated Project Cost: Costs will be determined on a case-by-case basis based on identified repair needs. Total grant award $750,000.00

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 and is available for public examination electronically by emailing Allie Finney at amf@hrcxi.org or at the above address upon request and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mineral County. All comments received by November 16, 2026, will be considered by Mineral County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Mineral County certifies to Montana Department of Commerce, Roman Zylawy as Commission Chair, in his capacity as Environmental Certifying Official 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. Department of Commerce's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Mineral County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Department of Commerce will accept objections to its release of fund and Mineral County's 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 Mineral County; (b) Mineral 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the CDBG Program, Department of Commerce, Housing Division, P.O. Box 200523, 301 S. Park Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620. Potential objectors should contact Department of Commerce to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Roman Zylawy, Certifying Officer