

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 1, 2026

Cuyahoga County Board of Health
5550 Venture Dr.
Parma, OH 44130
216-201-2001 ext. 1244

On or about May, 11, 2026, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant Program and Healthy Homes Supplemental Grant funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, as amended, to undertake the following multi-year program/project: Lead Safe Cuyahoga, for the purpose of conducting lead hazard control activities in 295 privately owned properties with low income families and children located in the 19 first ring suburbs of Cuyahoga County with the assistance of the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development, Cleveland Heights Housing Preservation Office, Environmental Health Watch, and a yet to be determined local community based not for profit. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is requesting the release of \$6,393,360 in Lead Hazard Reduction and \$750,000 in Healthy Homes and will provide a match amount of \$639,480 for 48 months.

The proposed hazard control 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 Cuyahoga County Board of Health, 5550 Venture Dr., Parma, OH 44130, an electronic copy may be requested at smcconoughy@ccbhb.net, or it may be examined and/or copied, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. All comments received by May 8, 2026, will be considered by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health certifies to HUD that Roderick Harris in his official capacity as Health Commissioner 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 Cuyahoga County Board of Health to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health 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 Cuyahoga County Board of Health; (b) the Cuyahoga County Board of Health has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Cuyahoga County Board of Health 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

Roderick Harris
Health Commissioner