

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

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On or after August 20, 2026, the City of Gresham will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, Public Law 93-383, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: 2026-2030 Gresham CDBG Transportation Infrastructure

Purpose: This program will provide transportation infrastructure improvements in low-income Gresham neighborhoods to increase safety for pedestrians and vehicles along existing Gresham roads and pedestrian paths.

Location: Work will be performed at scattered sites, city-wide. Site specific reviews will include each site address.

Project/Program Description: This project is a multi-year program spanning from 2026-27 to 2030-2031. The City will be carrying out improvements to transportation infrastructure in existing Gresham neighborhoods. Activities undertaken may include Street Improvements such as crosswalk installations, ADA curb cuts and streetlight infills, Sidewalks, and Other Public Improvements. Activities will be carried out in neighborhoods that are predominantly low- and moderate-income. It is estimated up to 20 individual activities may be carried out over the five-year life of this program. In 2026-27, \$209,006 in CDBG funded has been allocated to activities under this program. Additional funding for 2027-28 through 2030-31 may be allocated if approved by City Council annually. The actual funding for the program is identified in the City's annual action plan.

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)(1) & (2)

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Endangered Species (Endangered Species Act of 1973, 50 CFR Part 402), Historic Preservation (National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR Part 800), Floodplain Management (Executive Order 11988 and 24 CFR Part 55), and Wetlands Protection (Executive Order 11990).

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Under Endangered Species, City staff will use the ESA and Magnuson-Stevens Act Guidance for HUD Projects in Oregon. If a no effect finding cannot be justified, the City will initiate required consultations with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service to ensure compliance. Under Historic Preservation, the City will initiate consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office for any projects that may impact a property 45 years old or older and will consult with local tribes for all ground disturbing activities. Under Floodplain Management, sites that are not compliant with Floodplain Management requirements will not be rehabbed under this project. Under Wetlands Protection, each activity will be evaluated to ensure projects are not occurring in a wetland and do not impact off-site wetlands. Whenever necessary, the City will complete the 5- or 8-step decision making process for projects occurring in the wetland or floodplain, however it is not anticipated that projects will occur in floodplains or wetlands under this program.

Estimated Project Cost: \$209,006-\$400,000 annually

The 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)(1) & (2). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>. Physical copies may be requested by emailing Rachel.Nehse@GreshamOregon.gov or by phone at 503-618-2814.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Gresham at the address above or via email to Rachel.Nehse@GreshamOregon.gov. All comments received by end of day August 19, 2026, will be considered by the City of Gresham prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Gresham certifies to HUD that Ashley Miller, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as the Community Development Director 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 City of Gresham to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Gresham'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 the City of Gresham; (b) the City of Gresham 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 HUD at Portland_RROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ashley Miller, Community Development Director, **Certifying Officer**



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