

Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds Small Cities Development Program State of Minnesota

June 5, 2026

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Southeastern Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about June 16 , 2026, the City of Plainview will request the Business and Community Development Division (BCD), Small Cities Development Program, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), to release federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 98-181) for the following project:

The Plainview Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Project will occur within the city limits of Plainview, Minnesota. The project is limited to a budget of \$614,982.00, of which \$599,982.00 is provided through the Small Cities Development Program by Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. Funds will be used for owner-occupied rehabilitation and administrative work with the goal of 21 units.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act Requirements because per 24 CFR 58.35(a) rehabilitation of buildings and improvements when the following apply: For residential buildings with 1 to 4 units (either owner or rental), the unit density is not increased beyond 4 units, the land use is not changed and the footprint of the building is not increased in a floodplain or in a wetland. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting this project has been made by the City of Plainview that documents the environmental review of the project. This ERR is on file at the address above and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, Monday to Thursday between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00PM and Fridays between the hours of 8AM and 10:00am.

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.15, a tiered review process has been structured for the rehabilitation, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed for the target area and other applicable laws and authorities will be complied with, when participating properties have been identified and projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area has been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been established: Airport Hazards as the closest airports are both over 21 miles away; Coastal Barrier Resources as the nearest CBRS Zone is 172 miles north in Duluth; Flood Insurance as there are not floodplains in the project area and the city does participate in the national flood insurance program; Clean Air as there is no land conversion or new construction and the project area is not within a nonattainment zone; Coastal Zone Management as the closest coastal zone is 167 miles away; Farmlands Protection as there is no farmland within the city limits of Plainview and all work is rehabilitation so it is not possible for farmland to be converted; Floodplain Management as there are no floodplains within the city limits of Plainview; Noise Abatement and Control as there are no noise generators within the determined vicinity of Plainview; Sole Source Aquifers as the project area is not on a sole source aquifer; and Wild and Scenic Rivers as the project area is not within proximity of a wild or scenic river.

Compliance with the following laws and authorities will take place once properties within the target area have been identified, but prior to the commitment of funds: Contamination and Toxic Substances, Endangered Species, Explosives and Flammables Hazards, Historic Preservation, and Wetlands Protection.

Compliance documentation on the aforementioned laws and authorities will be in each individual property file, and copies will be available, once established, at, Southeastern Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's office at 134 East Second Street, Wabasha, MN 55981 Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM to 3:00PM and Fridays 9:00AM to 11:00AM.

Public Comments on Request to Release Funds

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Plainview office at 241 West Broadway, Plainview, MN 55964, Monday to Thursday between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00PM and Fridays between the hours of 8AM and 10:00am. All comments received by June 15, 2026 will be considered by the City of Plainview prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

In addition, pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, comments on the identification and treatment of historic properties in the project area are welcome.

Environmental Certification

The City of Plainview will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from DEED, under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Plainview is certifying to DEED that the City of Plainview and Keith Holm, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that with approval, the City of Plainview may use the Block Grant funds, and DEED and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to Release of Funds

DEED BCD will accept objections to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification for a period of eighteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only for one of the following reasons: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer or other officer of the grantee approved by BCD; (b) that the grantee's ERR for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized at 24 CFR Part 58.22 before approval of a release of funds by BCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 24 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 58.76), and may be addressed to Manager, Small Cities Development Program, MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development, Business and Community Development Division, Great Northern Building, 180 East 5th Street, Suite 1200, St. Paul, MN 55101-1351. Potential objectors should contact DEED at 651-259-7449 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Keith Holm
Mayor of Plainview