

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

June 5, 2025

Name, Address, Zip Code & Phone # of Grantee

City of Hutchinson www.hutchinsonmn.gov
111 Hassan Street SE
Hutchinson, MN 55350
(320) 587-5151

Telephone Number/Contact Name of Preparing Agency

Hutchinson HRA
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Z111 Hassan Street SE
Hutchinson, MN 55350
(320) 234-4235

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

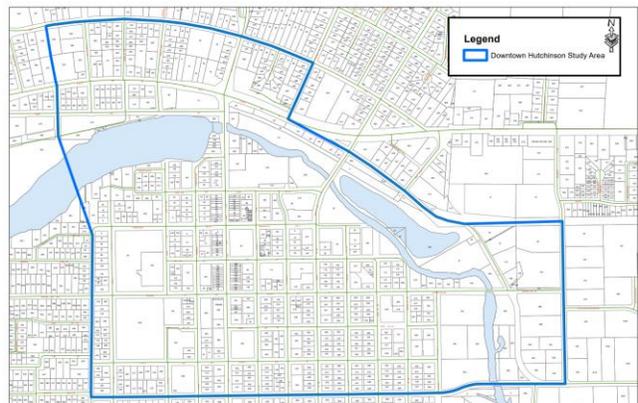
On or about July 11, 2025, the City of Hutchinson will request the Business and Community Development Division (BCD), Small Cities Development Program, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), to release federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 98-181) for the following project:

Project name: Hutchinson downtown housing rehabilitation

Purpose or nature of the project:

Rehabilitation of owner-occupied and rental housing to correct and address lead-based paint hazards, code violations, energy efficiency, health and safety issues and structural repairs such as roofs, windows, doors, siding, etc.

Housing subject to this project is not located within 100-year year floodplain.



Purpose or nature of the project: Rehabilitation of housing to correct and address lead-based paint hazards, code violations, energy efficiency, health and safety issues and structural repairs such as roof, windows, doors, siding, etc. This project is not located within 100-year year floodplain.

Location of the project: generally described as west-to-east: Lynn Rd SW to Michigan St SE; south-to-north 5th Ave S to 5th Ave N, Hutchinson, MN 55350

Census Tract: 9503 and 9504

SCDP program funds \$51,874; total project up to \$251,874.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act Requirements because the activity consists of minor rehabilitation of existing rental and/or owner-occupied residential housing. The unit density will not be increased, land use will not change and the rehabilitation will not be within a 100-year floodplain. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting this project has been made by the City of Hutchinson 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, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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: wetland protection, sole source aquifers, endangered species, wild and scenic rivers, coastal zone management, air quality, farmlands protection, airport runway clear zone requirements and environmental justice.

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

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: historic properties, floodplain management/Flood Disaster Protection Act requirements (*if required*) and HUD environmental standards for hazards. Compliance documentation on the aforementioned laws and authorities will be in each individual property file, and copies will be available, once established, at:

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Project is for minor rehabilitation of rental and owner-occupied residential housing located within the City of Hutchinson. Rehabilitation will not affect the areas of an airport hazards, coastal zones or barrier resources, floodplain/wetlands, air quality, contamination and toxic substances hazards, farmland conversion, noise, sole source aquifers, Wild & Scenic Rivers or other items of environmental justice.

Rehabilitation of historic properties will be done in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for rehabilitation, in consultation with MN State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

The project may, but is not likely to, affect the Monarch Butterfly and Whooping Crane.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REQUEST TO RELEASE FUND

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Hutchinson HRA, 111 Hassan Street SE, Hutchinson, MN 55350. All comments received by July 9, 2025 will be considered by the City of Hutchinson prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

The City of Hutchinson 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 Hutchinson, Hutchinson H.R.A. certifies to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development that Gary Forcier in his capacity as Mayor 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. The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Hutchinson, Hutchinson H.R.A. to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Hutchinson, Hutchinson H.R.A.'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 Hutchinson, Hutchinson H.R.A.;
- (b) the City of Hutchinson, Hutchinson H.R.A. 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 the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development; 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 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 MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development, Business and Community Development Division to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Gary Forcier, Mayor
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