

DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF REVIEW

ERR GRANT# 20-HO-001-LCRLF

Project Name: Lancaster County Housing Program Year: 2020

Project Location: Waverly, Malcolm, Davey, Raymond, Roca, Hickman, Denton, Sprague, Bennett, Firth, Panama, and Hallam, Nebraska.

Project Description (*Attach additional descriptive information, as appropriate to the project, including narrative, maps, photographs, site plans, budgets and other information.*):

Lancaster County, Nebraska (County), is proposing to amend the County's Economic Development Loan Program (Program) for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income. The Program will be discontinued, ceasing any Economic Development activities.

The County will repurpose the CDBG funds, currently on hand (approximately \$420,000), to establish a County-wide CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program (Housing Program). Any future CDBG funds will be applied toward the Housing Program or be returned to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

The County proposes to invest the CDBG funds of approximately \$420,000 (which represents the current RLF balance) as follows: approximately \$333,000 for housing rehabilitation, up to \$39,500 for housing administration, up to \$21,000 for lead-based paint services, and up to \$26,500 for general administration fees. No local match is budgeted for this project. The Housing Program includes the rehabilitation of income-eligible, owner-occupied homes, and will be made available to households located within the municipal boundaries of the communities located within Lancaster County outside of the City of Lincoln. The Housing Program will serve approximately fourteen (14) households. All Housing Program funds will primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons. No persons will be displaced as a result of these housing activities. Any rehabilitation activities will occur during daytime hours to minimize noise. Rehabilitation practices will be implemented to minimize dust. The proposed housing rehabilitation project is anticipated to be completed within two (2) years.

The subject project has been reviewed pursuant to HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 58, "Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities," and the following determination with respect to the project is made:

- Exempt** from NEPA review requirements per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(____)
- Categorically Excluded NOT Subject** to §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(b)(____)
- Categorically Excluded SUBJECT** to §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(____)
(A Statutory Checklist for the §58.5 authorities is attached.)
- An **Environmental Assessment** (EA) is required to be performed. (An Environmental Assessment performed in accordance with subpart E of 24 CFR Part 58 is attached.)
- An **Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS) is required to be performed.

The ERR (see §58.38) must contain all the environmental review documents, public notices and written determinations or environmental findings required by Part 58 as evidence of review, decision making and actions pertaining to a particular project. Include additional information including checklists, studies, analyses and documentation as appropriate.

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Housing Development Specialist Title _____ Date _____

Sean Flowerday Responsible Entity Certifying Officer _____ Signature _____
Lancaster County Board Chair Title _____ Date _____