

CERTIFICATION OF EXEMPT PROJECT

The (Name of Responsible Entity) requests that the State of Ohio release Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following projects:

Project Name
(if applicable)/

<u>Activity Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity No.</u>	<u>Activity Amt.</u>	<u>Grant Agreement No.</u>	<u>Exemption No.</u>
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An environmental evaluation has been conducted for each of the projects listed above by (Name of Responsible Entity). Pursuant to the review, it is the finding of (Name of Responsible Entity) that the above listed projects comply with the applicable requirements of 24 CFR 58.6, and the projects consist solely of activities listed at 24 CFR 58.34 (a) (1 - 11), Exempt activities. Therefore, per 24 CFR 58.34, the responsible entity does not have to undertake any environmental review, consultation, or other action under NEPA and the other provisions of law or authorities cited in 24 CFR 58.5 for these projects.

The environmental review was conducted by:

(Name and Title of Person Conducting Review)

(Mailing Address)

I, as certifying officer, certify the accuracy of these statements:

(Typed Name and Title of Certifying Officer)

(Mailing Address of Recipient)

(Signature of Certifying Officer)

(Date of Signature)

Submit Certification to:

Ohio Department of Development
Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (OHCP)
Environmental Grant Analyst
P.O. Box 1001
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001

DEFINITION OF EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

24 CFR 58.34 (a) (1-11)

In order for a project to be determined exempt, the project must consist solely of the following exempt activities. These activities are listed at 24 CFR 58.34 (a) (1 - 11). The project must comply, however, with the applicable requirements of 24 CFR 58.6. These projects require the submission of a **Certification of Exempt Project** form. 24 CFR 58.34 (b) is not applicable to State of Ohio grantees.

1. Environmental and other studies, resource identification and the development of plans and strategies;
2. Information and financial services;
3. Administrative and management activities;
4. Public services that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes, including but not limited to services concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, counseling, energy conservation and welfare or recreational needs;
5. Inspections and testing of properties for hazards or defects;
6. Purchase of insurance;
7. Purchase of tools;
8. Engineering or design costs;
9. Technical assistance and training;
10. Assistance for temporary or permanent improvements that do not alter environmental conditions and are limited to protection, repair, or restoration activities necessary only to control or arrest the effects from disasters or imminent threats to public safety including those resulting from physical deterioration;
11. Payment of principal and interest on loans made or obligations guaranteed by HUD.

Note: Projects which meet the criteria described at **24 CFR 58.34 (a) (12)** must first comply with the requirements of 24 CFR 58.35 (a), Categorical Exclusions, including completion of the Statutory Checklist and the development of a record. A **Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption For A Categorical Exclusion Project** must be submitted for these projects:

- (12) *Any of the categorical exclusions listed in §58.35 (a) provided that there are no circumstances which require compliance with any other Federal laws and authorities cited in §58.5.*