

**State of Ohio Department of Development
Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (OHCP)**

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF) AND CERTIFICATION
FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED STATE PROJECTS**

Pursuant to Section 104 (g) of Title I, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 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.

Part 1: General Information

<p>1. CEO Name, Responsible Entity name, and Mailing Address:</p> <p>Phone: ()</p> <p>Fax: ()</p>	<p>2. Administering Agent name and Address:</p> <p>Phone: ()</p> <p>Fax: ()</p>	<p>Mail Form To:</p> <p>Ohio Department of Development Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Environmental Review Specialist P. O. Box 1001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001</p> <p>Phone: (614) 466-2285</p>
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Part 2: Listing Of Projects Requested For Release Of Funds

List the Activity, Project, and Grant below for which you are requesting the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the federal assistance.

Grant Agreement No.	Name of Project and Activity <i>(as listed in Grant Agreement's Attachment A)</i>	Activity No.	List the Amount of Federal Funds Budgeted for Each Activity	List the Activity Location, as Designated in the Grant Agreement	Describe the Entire (Aggregated) Project	Level of Environmental Finding: CE (Categorical Exclusion) EA (Environmental Assessment)

Part 3: CEO Environmental Certification

With reference to the Projects identified on the reverse side of this form, I, the undersigned chief executive officer and certifying officer of the responsible entity, CERTIFY THAT: (Note: Items 4 and 5 below require additional action.)

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making, and action pertaining to the projects listed herein.
2. The responsible entity has complied with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements, and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5, 24 CFR 58.6, and applicable State and local laws.
3. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental reviews completed for the proposed projects described herein, I have found that the proposal **(CHECK ONE)** DID DID NOT require the preparation and dissemination of an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.
4. The responsible entity has, prior to submitting this request for the release of funds and certification, published, in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43, a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy. **STAPLE COPIES OF NEWSPAPER NOTICES HERE (e.g. NOI/RROF, Combined Notice, Floodplain/Wetland Notices)**
5. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment, or other action are in compliance with the procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58. The following provides a summary of critical dates:

Categorically Excluded Projects (CE)	Publication Date	Last Date of Local Comment Period	Date Certification Signed and Submitted	Estimated Last Date of State Objection Period	Type of Other Notices And Date Published

Environmental Assessment Projects (EA)	Publication Date	Last Date of Local Comment Period	Date Certification Signed and Submitted	Estimated Last Date of State Objection Period	Type of Other Notices And Date Published

6. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the State's responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making, and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
8. By so consenting, I have assumed the responsibilities for the conduct of environmental review, decision-making, and action regarding environmental issues, preparation and circulation of a draft, final, and supplemental environmental impact statements, and legal or cooperating agency responsibilities for preparation of such statements on behalf of state or federal agencies, including HUD and the State of Ohio, when these agencies consent to such assumptions.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the responsible entity and personally, the jurisdiction of the federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Type or Print Name of CEO	Signature	Title	Date

WARNING: Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and the Criminal Procedure shall apply to this certification. Title 18 provides, among other things, that whoever knowingly makes or uses a document or writing containing any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both.