

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 28, 2026

County of Lawrence
430 Court Street
New Castle, PA 16101
724-656-0090

On or about May 9, 2026, the County of Lawrence will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program (LBPHC) is authorized by Section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, 42 U.S.C. 4852) and funding is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, approved December 27, 2020 (Public Law 116-260), and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act 2020, approved December 20, 2020, (Public Law 116-94). The Healthy Homes Supplemental funding is authorized under Section 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-2), with funding approved by the same Appropriations Acts, for the following multi-year program/project: 2025 Lead Hazard Reduction grant for the purpose of maximizing the number of children under the age of six protected from lead poisoning by assisting in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards by reducing lead-based paint hazards in homes through interim controls and/or abatement. Lawrence County will utilize the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes supplemental funds to market, recruit, test, treat, and clear homes with housing-based health hazards. A total of at least 120 low/mod income families residing in target housing within the consortium's areas to include the Counties of Mercer, Delaware, Lawrence, Butler, Indiana, Clearfield and Crawford will receive the benefit of environmentally safe housing. Of the homes to receive services, we are anticipated servicing both single-family, owner-occupied units (with at least one child under 6 years old) and tenant-occupied (rental) single or multi-family units. Homes occupied by one or more children identified with a blood-lead level of 5 micrograms per deciliter, will be prioritized. The County of Lawrence is requesting the release of \$5,000,000 of Lead Hazard Control Funding with an additional \$750,000 of Healthy Home Supplemental Funding, with match amounts of \$500,000 for the period of performance from March 16, 2026, through March 18, 2030. The County of Lawrence has identified Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (LCSS) as the primary recipient.

The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this/these program(s) is/are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58. In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target area(s) listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area(s) has/have been studied and compliance with the following

laws and authorities has been achieved in this Tier 1 review: Coastal Barriers Resources Ave, Coastal Zone Management Ave, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Ave, Farmland Protection Policy Act, Noise Control Act, Safety from

Explosives and Flammable Hazards, Safe Drinking Water Act, Wetland Protection, and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Site-specific environmental reviews will include compliance with the

following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program(s) listed above: Airport Hazards, Historical Preservation, Floodplain Management, National Flood Program requirements, and toxic/hazardous material. Should individual aggregate projects exceed the threshold for categorical exclusion detailed at §58.35(a), an Environmental Assessment will be completed and a separate Finding of No Significant Impact and Request for Release of Funds published. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, is on file at The County of Lawrence 430 Court St, New Castle, PA 16101 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to The County of Lawrence 430 Court St, New Castle, PA 16101. All comments received by May 8, 2026, will be considered by County of Lawrence prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The County of Lawrence certifies to HUD that Dan Vogler in his official capacity as Chairman Commissioner of Lawrence County and all other responsible parties have consented 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Lawrence to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the County of Lawrence certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date (cited above) or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Lawrence); (b) the County of Lawrence has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the County of Lawrence has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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), and may be addressed to HUD and sent to the email address as follows: Karen M. Griego, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development LeadRegulations@HUD.GOV Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

Dan Vogler, Chairman Commissioner, Certifying Officer for County of Lawrence