

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: June 1, 2026

Town of Fort Deposit
260 Old Fort Rd.
Fort Deposit, AL 36032

Telephone: (334) 227-4841

On or about June 9, 2026, the Town of Fort Deposit will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LHR) Grant Program funding provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, as amended, for the following multi-year program/project: ALLCB0002-23 Lead-Hazard-Reduction-Capacity-Building, for the purpose of carrying out lead-based paint hazard reduction activities in privately owned, low-income rental and owner-occupied housing in the Town of Fort Deposit, Alabama, with outreach and capacity-building efforts in six additional counties: Choctaw, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Wilcox. Work will target residential units where families with children under six years of age and adults 65 years and older reside. Activities will include lead inspections and risk assessments, followed by interim control measures such as paint stabilization, lead-safe cleaning, and minor repairs or replacement of building components, including windows, doors, and trim. The Town of Fort Deposit is requesting the release of **\$2,499,134** in Federal assistance (plus match amount of **\$259,956**).

The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this program 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 listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area has been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been achieved in this Tier 1 review: Air Quality (Clean Air Act), Coastal Barrier Resources, Coastal Zone Management, Sole Source Aquifers, Endangered Species, Explosive and Flammable Hazards, Farmlands Protection, Floodplain Management, Noise Abatement and Control, Wetlands Protection, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Environmental Justice, and Airport Hazards. Site-specific environmental reviews will include compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program: Flood Insurance, Historic Preservation, and Contamination/Toxics. 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 Town of Fort Deposit offices and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Fort Deposit. All comments received by June 11, 2026, will be considered by the Town of Fort Deposit prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Fort Deposit certifies to HUD that **Madelene Means**, in her official capacity as **Certifying Officer**, 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Fort Deposit to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Town of Fort Deposit 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 Town of Fort Deposit; (b) the Town of Fort Deposit has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Town of Fort Deposit 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: **OLHCHHPECOS@hud.gov**. Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.


Madelene Means, Certifying Officer, Town of Fort Deposit