

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

February 11, 2025
City of Tilden
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On or after February 24, 2025 the City of Tilden will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), or its State administering agency, Nebraska Department of Economic Development (State), for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974 (U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), as amended, to undertake a project known as Tilden DTR for the purpose of implementing a downtown improvement project within the municipal limits of the City which the project includes commercial facade improvements and sidewalk improvements (the Project).

The Downtown Revitalization (DTR) commercial facade improvements to twelve buildings located in the Tilden DTR Project Area which includes commercial areas north of Highway 275 and south to 2nd street, following 2nd street from Antelope to Elm Streets. The City will conduct a DTR application process to select eligible participants of privately owned commercial properties to be involved in the commercial facade program. Tier II environmental reviews will be done for selected sites. Eligible commercial facade improvement project activities include masonry repair, replacement of windows and doors, signage, and other facade improvements as identified in the Tilden DTR Program Guidelines which eliminate conditions of blight.

Sidewalk improvements will occur parallel to 2nd Street within an area between Antelope Street and Oak Street. The total project area covers approximately 250 linear feet. These sidewalks are Owned and maintained by the city and are surrounded by a mix of commercial and residential usage. The sidewalks have fallen into disrepair with severe deterioration, cracking and heaving. Sidewalk improvement project activities include demolition and removal of the existing surface; grading and sloping; sub-base preparation and repair; and installation of new concrete. Sidewalks will continue to be 10' wide (as they are currently). Curb and gutter that are in poor condition will be replaced. Project improvements will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will remove architectural barriers for mobility-restricted persons.

DTR project construction impacts may include temporary business, sidewalk and road closures, along with noise and dust. Businesses, residents and emergency services will be notified of all business, road and sidewalk closures and will be routed to alleyways or other roads during construction. Construction activities will take place during normal business hours.

The total DTR Project costs are estimated at \$535,000, including \$268,000 for Commercial Facade, \$132,000 for Sidewalk Improvements, \$25,000 for general administration and \$10,000 for construction management. Funding sources include a Nebraska Department of Economic Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$435,000 and Matching funds of \$100,000 provided by

\$33,000 city funds for sidewalk improvements and \$67,000 from businesses participating in the facade improvement program.

The commercial facade improvement project will prevent and eliminate conditions of slum and blight on an area basis. The sidewalk project will primarily benefit mobility-restricted low to moderate income clientele (LMC) persons. All construction will be completed within two (2) years. No persons or businesses will be displaced as a result of the project activities.

Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.
Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(iii).

Tier 2 site specific review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Contamination and Toxic Substances [24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)], and Historic Preservation [36 CFR 800].

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Contamination and Toxic Substances: a site inspection will be conducted on each project site and Nebraska Environmental and Energy Department will be consulted if any concerns are observed; Historic Preservation: History Nebraska will be consulted for a review of the project site and proposed improvements. Agency recommendations or mitigation measures will be considered in the Tier 2 review before project approval.

The activities proposed are Categorically Excluded Subject To (CEST) under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at 205 S Center Street, Tilden, NE 68781 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M. The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the PO Box 37, Tilden, NE 68781 or by email to tildencyclerk2@gmail.com. If the RE chooses to send the ERR to the public for review via U.S. mail, the RE will establish a timeframe for accepting comments with the person requesting the ERR.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Tilden. All comments received by February 21, 2025, will be considered by the City of Tilden prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Tilden certifies to the State that Thomas Nelson in their capacity as the Tilden City Mayor 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. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Tilden to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Tilden certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Tilden; (b) grant recipient has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development; or (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, Sec. 58.76) in writing to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Suite 002, Lincoln, NE 68521. Potential objectors should contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Thomas Nelson
Tilden City Mayor