



TO: All Interested Parties  
FROM: Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation  
DATE: May 12, 2026  
RE: Environmental Legal Notice

The enclosed Legal Notice is intended to notify all interested parties of Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation's intent to request the release of FY 2025 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program and Healthy Homes Supplemental funds. This is being done in compliance with HUD's Environmental Review process in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.

Please post this Legal Notice for seven (7) days in an area readily accessible to the public.

The public can view the notice on the Rhode Island Housing website at <https://www.rihousing.com/public-information>

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 12, 2026

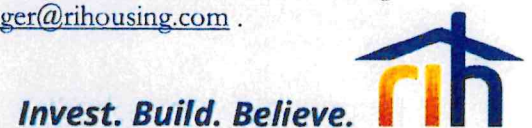
Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation  
44 Washington Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Christine Hunsinger, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer of RIHousing  
(401) 450-1312

On or about May 20, 2026 Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for the release of FY 2025 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program funds and Healthy Homes Supplemental funding, as 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 Sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 and 1701z-2), with such funding provided under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, as amended, to undertake the following multi-year program/project: RIHousing LeadSafe Homes Program (the “Program”), for the purpose of identifying and remediating lead and other health hazards in approximately two hundred (200) existing housing units. Activities under the Program include, but are not limited to, interim lead hazard controls, the installation of new windows and doors, interior and exterior painting, soil remediation, training workers and community residents in lead safety methods, and increasing public awareness about childhood lead poisoning in Rhode Island for single and multi-family property owners. RIHousing is requesting the release of \$7,000,000 of federal Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration funds and \$739,500 of Healthy Homes Supplemental funds over the 48-month period of performance.

The proposed lead hazard control and healthy homes 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(s) listed above. Compliance with other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be met when individual projects are reviewed, i.e., Flood Insurance, Historic Preservation, 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 grant, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, is on file at RIHousing, 44 Washington St., Providence, Rhode Island 02903 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9am to 4pm. The ERR will be made available to the public for review by e-mail upon request. Please submit your request to Christine Hunsinger, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer of RIHousing, at 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903, or by email at [chunsinger@rihousing.com](mailto:chunsinger@rihousing.com).



The Environmental Review Record may also be viewed at: <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Christine Hunsinger, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer of RIHousing, at 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903, or by email at [chunsinger@rihousing.com](mailto:chunsinger@rihousing.com). All comments received by May 19, 2026, will be considered by RIHousing prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.


### RELEASE OF FUNDS

RIHousing certifies to HUD that Carol A. Ventura, in her official capacity as Executive Director, 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 RIHousing to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the RIHousing 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 RIHousing; (b) RIHousing has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) RIHousing 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: [OLHCHHPECOS@hud.gov](mailto:OLHCHHPECOS@hud.gov)

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Carol A. Ventura  
Executive Director

May 12, 2026

Date

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