Environmental Review for Activities/Projects that are Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5

Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)

Project Information

Project Name:

Consolidated Plan – Program Year 2022-2023

Responsible Entity:

City of Rochester

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Project Location:

City-wide locations

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

This is a programmatic review of the programs listed below. Each project subsequently identified for funding under these programs <u>MUST</u> have a site-specific environmental review <u>BEFORE</u> a grant or loan agreement is executed between the City and the recipient of federal funds:

| Activity # | Program/Project Name | Environmental Determination |
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| 1 | Business Development Financial Assistance Program – Rehab only. | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(iii) – Rehab of non-residential structures |
| 4 | Home Rochester Program Management – Rehab only. | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) – Rehab |
| 9 | Demolition Program | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(4), for 1-4 housing unit building |
| 10 | Lead Hazard Control Program | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) – Rehab |
| 11 | Housing Rehabilitation Program | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) – Rehab |
| 12 | Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) – Replacement of furnaces and hot water heaters only. | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) – Rehab |
| 13 | Project Phoenix Program | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) – Rehab |
| 15 | Residential Street Rehabilitation | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(1) – Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction or rehab or public facilities and improvements of public facilities in place |
| 17 | DRHS Play Apparatus – Installation and rehab of public facilities only. | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(1) – Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction or rehab of public facilities and improvements of public facilities in place |
| 25 | Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) - Rehab |
| 26 | Affordable Housing Fund | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) - Rehab |

See attached *City of Rochester Consolidated Plan – Program Year 2022-2023 – Environmental Review Statement of Activities* for a description and listing of activities for each project / program.

Funding Information

| Federal Funding Source(s): | CDBG |
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Level of Environmental Review Determination:

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a)1-6, and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5

The project falls into the category below, which is listed at 24 CFR 58.35(a) as Categorically Excluded Subject to 24 CFR 58.5

- 1. Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements (other than buildings) when the facilities and improvements are already in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity for more than 20 percent. Examples:
 - Replacement of water or sewer lines
 - Reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks
 - Repaving of streets
- 2. Special projects directed toward the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of and accessibility to the elderly and handicapped persons.
- 3. Rehabilitation of buildings and improvements under the following conditions
 - i. In the case of a building for residential use (with one to four units), the density is not increased beyond four units, the land use is not changed, and the footprint of the building is not increased in a floodplain or in a wetland;
 - ii. In the case of multifamily residential buildings:
 - A. Unit density is not changed more than 20%
 - B. The project does not involve changes in land use from residential to non-residential; and
 - C. The estimated cost of rehabilitation is less than 75% of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation.
 - iii. In the case of non-residential structures, including commercial, industrial, and public buildings:
 - A. The facilities and improvements are in place and will not be changed in size or capacity by more than 20 percent; and
 - B. The activity does not involve a change in land use, such as from non-residential to residential, commercial to industrial, or from one industrial use to another.
- 4. An individual action on
 - i. Up to four dwelling units where there is a maximum of four units on any one site. The units can be four one-unit buildings or one four-unit building or any combination in between; or
 - ii. A project of five or more housing units developed on scattered sites when the sites are more than 2,000 feet apart and there are not more than four housing units on any one site.
- 5. Acquisition (including leasing) or disposition of an existing structure or acquisition (including leasing) of vacant land provided that the structure or land acquired or disposed of will be retained for the same use;
- 6. Combinations of the above activities

The determination of the category listed above is supported by the following information (explain how you determined that the project satisfied the condition of the category you checked above and document as appropriate):

None of the projects/programs listed above will change the land use, or increase density of units by more than 20%, or cost more than 75% of the replacement cost of the structure after the rehab is completed. Projects beyond this scope will be subject to an environmental assessment per 24 CFR 58.36.

When addresses are determined for each of the programs a statutory checklist review will be completed before the project begins.

You must complete the compliance checklist for 24 CFR 58.6 and the Statutory Worksheet on the following pages.

COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST FOR THE "OTHER REQUIREMENTS" IN 24 CFR 58.6

| Project Name: | Consolidated Plan 2022-2023 |
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| Project Address: | Various addresses, city-wide. Specific addresses have not yet been identified |

| STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.6 | | | | |
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| Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D | Yes N | No | New construction, major rehab and/or increase in density are <u>prohibited</u> from being funded with federal dollars, if located within the Airport Clear Zone. | |
| | | | There are certain addresses within the Rochester Airport Clear Zone. The addresses are clearly indicated within the green trapezoidal shape on the attached map, and include portions of the following streets: Kingboro, Devon, Genesee Park Blvd, Virginia, and Winbourne. | |
| Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501] | Yes N | <u>∃</u> | There are no Coast Barrier Resource Areas in the city of Rochester. See attached map of the <i>Great Lakes Coastal Barrier Resource System</i> . | |
| Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a] | Yes N |] | If a property to be assisted with federal dollars is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area – 100 year flood plain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory. This refers to any parcel located in the 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard area as indicated on the FEMA Flood Map: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search?AddressQuery=Roch ester%2C%20ny#searchresultsanchor Note: If the federal funds assistance is a grant, flood insurance must be maintained for the life of the property. If the federal funds assistance is a loan (except for loans less than \$5,000 and repaid within 1 year), flood insurance must be maintained for the life of the loan. | |

STATUTORY WORKSHEET per 24 CFR 58.5

Use this worksheet only for projects which are Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR Section 58.35(a).

| Project Name: | Consolidated Plan 2022-2023 |
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| | Various addresses, city-wide. Specific addresses have not yet been |
| Project Address: | identified |

DIRECTIONS - Write "A" in the Status Column when the project, by its nature, does not affect the resources under consideration; OR write "B" if the project triggers formal compliance consultation with the oversight agency, or requires mitigation (see Statutory Worksheet Instructions). Compliance documentation must contain <u>verifiable source documents and relevant base data</u>. Attach reviews, consultations, and special studies as appropriate.

Compliance Factors:

| Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 | Status A/B | Compliance Documentation |
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| Historic Preservation [36 CFR Part 800] Guidance: https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/historic-preservation/ | В | When the specific addresses are identified for rehabilitation the <u>Designated Building of Historic Value</u> <u>List</u> will be reviewed and consultation with SHPO will be initiated if the property is a <u>Designated Building of Historic Value</u> , or is located within a <u>City of Rochester Preservation District</u> . In such cases, project will not commence until consultation with SHPO is complete. |
| | | If after consultation with SHPO a project is determined to have an Adverse Impact, a MOA should be negotiated. These projects will not be covered by this tiered review, and will therefore require publication of a notice and separate Authority to Use Grant Funds from HUD before the funding agreement is signed with the sub-grantee. |
| Floodplain Management [24 CFR 55, Executive Order 11988] | | When the addresses are identified (city-wide) for rehabilitation the FEMA website will be consulted for floodplain locations: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home |
| Guidance: https://www.hudexchange.info/environme ntal-review/floodplain-management/ | В | If the project occurs in a 100- or 500-yr floodplain initiate 8-Step process and required notices before project may commence. |
| | | If the project occurs in a floodway HUD funds may not be used in the project. |
| Wetland Protection [Executive Order 11990] Guidance: https://www.hudexchange.info/environme ntal-review/wetlands-protection/ | В | When the addresses are identified (city-wide) for rehabilitation, and if rehab will expand the footprint of the building or any ground disturbance, the National Wetlands Inventory will be searched for each address: http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/Mapper.html If required, the City will initiate the 8-Step process and required notices before project may commence. |
| Coastal Zone Management Act [Sections 307(c), (d)] Guidance: https://www.hudexchange.info/environme ntal-review/coastal-zone-management/ | В | If the project involves new construction or major rehab, and is located within a coastal zone, a review will be done to see if the project conforms to the policies of the Coastal Zone Management Program. See Coast Zone map at: http://appext20.dos.ny.gov/coastal_map_public/map.aspx |
| | Б | The City of Rochester is a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Community. Access the online map here and activate the Landward Coastal Boundary layer and zoom in to determine its location. Ensure proposed activities are in line with the City's Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. See Planning and Zoning staff for direction. |
| Sole Source Aquifers [40 CFR 149] Guidance: https://www.hudexchange.info/environme ntal-review/sole-source-aquifers/ | А | There are no federally designated Sole Source Aquifers in the city of Rochester. See online EPA map for Sole Source Aquifers at https://epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9ebb047ba3ec41ada1877155fe31356b |

| Endangered Species Act | | If the project does not go beyond interior renovations, | | |
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| [50 CFR 402] Guidance: | А | replacement/repair of roofs, replacing exterior paint or siding on existing buildings, it is not likely to have an effect on endangered species. | | |
| https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/endangered-species/ | | Additionally, for residential rehabilitation projects see letter from Fish & Wildlife Service outlining certain allowances. | | |
| | | For projects beyond this level, check resource at https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/ | | |
| Wild and Scenic Rivers Act | | There are no Wild and Scenic Rivers in the city of | | |
| [Sections 7(b), and (c)] | _ | Rochester. See the map of New York on the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System website: | | |
| Guidance: | A | https://www.rivers.gov/new-york.php | | |
| https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/wild-and-scenic-rivers/ | | | | |
| Clean Air Act | | There are no Non-Attainment areas in Monroe County. | | |
| [Sections 176(c), (d), and 40 CFR 6, 51, 93] | A | See list of, "Current Nonattainment Counties for All Criteria Pollutants" printed from the EPA Green Book online at: | | |
| Guidance: | | https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/ancl.html | | |
| https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/air-quality/ | | | | |
| Farmland Protection Policy Act | | All the projects will be located within the urban area in the | | |
| [7 CFR 658] | ۸ | city. There are no prime farmlands regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act. | | |
| Guidance: | Α | , | | |
| https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/farmlands-protection/ | | | | |
| Environmental Justice | | None of the sites has a disproportionate potential for high | | |
| [Executive Order 12898] | I | and adverse human health and environmental effects on minority or low-income populations. | | |
| Guidance: | | The state of the s | | |
| https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/environmental-justice/ | | | | |
| mai review/environmental-justice/ | | | | |

| | The airport noise contour map will be reviewed for airport noise impact. Each site will be plotted on a map and distance to any road with average daily trips of 10,000 or more and within 1,000 feet of the site, and any active railroad will be measured. | | | |
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| | Use the HUD noise calculator to determine noise impact to the site. | | | |
| | HUD's Site Acceptability Standards are as follows: | | | |
| | Exterior noise levels: Proposed HUD-assisted projects with a day-night average sound level of below 65 decibels are acceptable (see Standards in 24 CFR Part 51.103) | | | |
| А | Interior noise levels: Proposed HUD-assisted projects with a day-night average sound level of below 45 decibels are acceptable | | | |
| | Resources: | | | |
| | HUD Noise Calculator: https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/dnl-calculator | | | |
| | Sound transmission class guidance: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DO C.16419.pdf | | | |
| | Sound transmission classification assessment tool: https://www.hudexchange.info/stracat/ | | | |
| | Projects impacted with noise levels between 65dB and 70dB can be mitigated by various well documented means. Refer to the resources above. | | | |
| | If the project involves rehabilitation only that doesn't increase residential densities, convert a building for habitation, or make a vacant building habitable the project is not subject to review for this element. | | | |
| А | For other projects, determine whether there are any above-ground storage tanks within 1 mile of the project site that are more than 100 gallons in size. If so, determine the chemical that is stored in the tank, and if flammable or explosive, calculate acceptable separation distance and determine whether mitigation will bring the project into compliance. If not, project cannot be funded with federal dollars. | | | |
| | Check online map to determine whether project site is located within 3,000 feet of The Monroe County Airport. • If so, check the Monroe County Land Use map to determine whether the project is located in the Clear Zone. | | | |
| Α | If so, is the project new construction, major rehab or will it substantially prolong the physical or economic life of the facility, and will the project site be used or occupied by people? If yes, HUD funds may not be used to assist the project. If no, document finding and carry on with the project. | | | |
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Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials

[24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)]

Guidance:

https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/site-contamination/

For all Property Rehab Projects:

Lead: If the building was built before 1978, and is mixed residential use, a City Rehab Specialist will conduct a visual inspection to determine the existence of lead-based paint and whether it will be disturbed. The project managers will be directed to require the use of Lead Safe Work Practices. For commercial only rehab projects, lead testing is not required if intended occupants will not include children. For residential only projects a lead-wipe test is conducted before and after the rehab and a clearance report is issued.

<u>Asbestos</u> (all rehab projects): If the building was built before 1977 a City Rehab Specialist will conduct a visual inspection to determine whether ACM will be disturbed as part of the proposed rehab. If suspect ACM will likely be disturbed project staff will be directed to require the use of a licensed, certified contractor to undertake the project.

* For rehab, new construction or acquisition of one-to-four family residential, check

https://www.epa.gov/superfund/search-superfund-siteswhere-you-live#npl for location near EPA superfund national priorities, CERCLA or equivalent State list;

https://data.ny.gov/Energy-Environment/Landfill-Solid-Waste-Management-Facilities-Map/afg5-7i6u and https://enviro.epa.gov/ for location near a toxic or solid waste landfill site:

http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=2 for spills incidents

Determine whether any known contamination can be mitigated and document any environmental or soils management plans. Follow up with their implementation as the project proceeds. If a project requires cleanup or an EMP it will be excluded from the programmatic review and processed separately.

Another tool to use is NEPAssist (https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist), which "facilitates the environmental review process and project planning in relation to environmental considerations. The web-based application draws environmental data dynamically from EPA Geographic Information System databases and web services and provides immediate screening of environmental assessment indicators for a user-defined area of interest."

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Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]

Summarize below all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

| | Law, Authority, or Factor | Mitigation Measure |
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| 1 | N/A | |
| <u>De</u> | termination: | |
| | it does not require any mitigation | ivity/project converts to EXEMPT per Section 58.34(a)(12), because on for compliance with any listed statutes or authorities, nor requires Funds may be committed and drawn down after certification of PT project; |
| | | <u>OR</u> |
| | statutes or authorities listed at consultation/mitigation protoco | tivity/project cannot convert to Exempt status because one or more Section 58.5 requires formal consultation or mitigation. Complete I requirements, publish NOI/RROF and obtain "Authority to Use) per Section 58.70 and 58.71 before committing or drawing down |
| | • | <u>OR</u> |
| | | excluded OR, if originally categorically excluded, is now subject to nt according to Part 58 Subpart E due to extraordinary circumstances |
| CE. | RTIFICATION: | |
| | parer Signature: Lindsay A. Nabo | Date: 7 15/22 Ozny, Senior Community Housing Planner |
| | tifying Officer Signature: Malik I | Date: 1/5/2 |

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

| Activity # | Project Name | Priority Need | Project Description | Activities/Summary | Environmental Determination |
|------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1 | Business Development Financial Assistance Program | Economic and Workforce Development | The program provides loans, grants, grant-to-loans/loans-to-grants and interest rate subsidies to city businesses or businesses which are relocating to the City which are expanding and creating jobs. Funding can be used for purchase and renovation (interior and exterior) of real estate, purchase of machinery and equipment (including security equipment), predevelopment services including environmental testing, feasibility & planning studies and architectural assistance, targeted support to MWBEs, and working capital including payroll, insurance, utilities, lease/mortgage, inventory, supplies, architectural and accounting services. Funds may also be used in environmental remediation associated with projects in development. CDBG: \$450,000 10 Businesses Assisted, 100 Jobs Created/Retained | All activities focus on facilitating business growth for established and new businesses which are creating and retaining jobs. Funds for building construction, expansions and facades improve the appearance of neighborhood commercial corridors and industrial parks and areas. Funds are utilized to recruit a diverse set of new businesses and increase the number of entrepreneurial firms. | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(iii) - Rehab of non-residential structures Categorically Excluded NOT Subject to 58.5, 24 CFR 58.35(b)(4) - Purchase of equipment Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(1), (2),(6) & (8) - Environmental and studies; information and financial services; insurance; design. |
| 2 | Neighborhood Commercial Assistance Program | Economic and Workforce Development | This program supports the Small Business Grant program for essential neighborhood service businesses and micro-enterprises and businesses that create jobs for low and moderate income individuals. CDBG: \$200,000 12 Businesses Assisted | All activities focus on facilitation of business growth for established and new businesses which are creating and retaining jobs. Funding for this program is aligned with the strategic plan to facilitate business growth and enhance neighborhoods by retaining anchor businesses, growing existing businesses, increasing the capacity of business associations, and creating and retaining jobs. | Categorically Excluded NOT Subject to 58.5, 24 CFR 58.35(b)(4) - Economic development activities Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(3) & (4) - Administrative and management activities; public services |
| 3 | Street Liaison | Economic and Workforce Development | Function as a liaison between the City of Rochester Business Development Team, Neighborhood Service Center Administrator and neighborhood businesses; Provide detailed reports of business activities and concerns faced by businesses to City of Rochester staff; Work collaboratively with business associations, and City of Rochester staff to attract and populate business corridors with products and services that meet the consumer needs of the local and greater community. CDBG: \$90,000 200 Businesses Assisted | Street liaisons function as a liaison between the City of Rochester Business Development Team, Neighborhood Service Center Administrator and neighborhood businesses; Provide detailed reports of business activities and concerns faced by businesses to City of Rochester staff; Work collaboratively with business associations, and City of Rochester staff to attract and populate business corridors with products and services that meet the consumer needs of the local and greater community. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(3) & (4) – Administrative and management activities; public services |

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| 4 | Home Rochester Program Management | Increase Supply and Access To and Quality of Affordable Housing | Funds provide operating support to facilitate development from a City-designated Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), resulting in reduced blight and increased homeownership opportunities for low-moderate income households. | Complete high-quality rehab of vacant properties and sell to income-qualified owner occupants. | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) - Rehab Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(3) |
| | | | CDBG: \$186,000 Estimated number assisted to be determined. | | - Administrative and management activities |
| 5 | Aging in Place | Provide Public Services | This program provides support services to keep elders productive in the community. This project offers a safety assessment of the home environment and makes a variety of minor improvements and repairs such as bathroom grab bars, stairway hand rails and door grips, all designed to avoid accidents and maintain household safety. In addition, Lifespan provides consumer education sessions and if necessary, consumer support case management around home repairs. | Households for elderly are surveyed and minor modifications are made. Consumer education sessions are held and cases involving consumer support for home repair problems are conducted and closed. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4), (5), & (10) – Public services; inspections and testing of properties; assistance for temporary or permanent improvements |
| | | | CDBG: \$40,000 130 Households Assisted | | |
| 6 | Legal Services for Seniors | Provide Public Services | Provides assistance with legal services for the elderly that would improve their quality of life. This includes but is not limited to wills and estates, elder abuse, consumer fraud, home repair complaints, accessing medical services, and foreclosure prevention. CDBG: \$30,000 | Provides assistance with legal services for the elderly that would improve their quality of life. This includes but is not limited to wills and estates, elder abuse, consumer fraud, home repair complaints, accessing medical services, and foreclosure prevention. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4) - Public services |
| 7 | Tenant and Landlord Services | Provide Public Services | 40 Persons Assisted Services to low/mod income tenants who face eviction due to improperly issued eviction notices, loss of income, or warrant habitability issues receive legal representation, workshops proactively educate tenants on rights and responsibilities. Landlords seeking immediate assistance regarding their rental property and tenant management receiving counseling on a one-one-one basis to maintain their properties and businesses to the highest standards. CDBG: \$80,000 178 Households Assisted | Legal advocacy, assistance in avoidance of immediate eviction, alternative dispute resolution and counseling to landlords and tenants, tenant workshops, landlord assistance including the housing hotline. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4) – Public services |

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| 8 | Foreclosure Prevention | Provide Public Services | Two projects work interdependently to assist low to moderate income households to avoid foreclosures due to mortgage default, predatory loans, or tax default. The Housing Council program analyzes the financial and household situation and work with the client, mortgage lender, realtors, lawyers, and other appropriate parties to prevent the loss of the property to foreclosure. Strategies include budget restructuring, forbearance options, reinstatement, sale and bankruptcy, and assistance related to New York State mandated settlement conferences. Empire Justice helps households avoid foreclosure with direct legal services and/or representation for mandatory settlement conferences or to combat predatory/unfair lending and servicing practices. Additional households receive expert advice on loans and referrals to appropriate agencies. CDBG: \$125,300 110 Households Assisted | Funds go to a HUD-certified counseling agency (The Housing Council) or statewide legal agency (Empire Justice), both with decades of experience, to provide direct counseling services to households at risk of mortgage or tax default. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a) (2) & (4) – Financial services; public services |
| 9 | Demolition Program | Eliminate Slum/Blighting Influences | Funds will be used for demolition of residential, industrial and/or commercial properties. Includes implementation of a Clean Demo Strategy, which requires the removal of all subsurface concrete structures and utilizing clean virgin soil for backfill focused on targeted areas of past and future development. CDBG: \$1,300,000 52 Buildings Assisted | Demolish approximately 52 vacant and blighted buildings. | Environmental Assessment per 24 CFR 58.36 – For demolition of buildings not categorically excluded below Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(4)(i) – 1-4 housing unit building |
| 10 | Lead Hazard Control Program | Increase Supply and Access To and Quality of Affordable Housing | Funds will be used for rehab costs to mitigate lead hazards in residential units. CDBG: \$225,000 20 Household Housing Units Assisted | Rehab 20 units | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) – Rehab |
| 11 | Housing Rehabilitation Program | Increase Supply and Access To and Quality of Affordable Housing | This program will provide financial assistance for rehabilitation to eligible property owners to address blight and hazards. The funds will be distributed through a variety of efforts including to: enhance targeted areas of development, address city-wide blight and health and safety hazards. CDBG: \$575,522 22 Household Housing Units Assisted | Rehabilitation grants | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) – Rehab |

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| 12 | Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) | Increase Supply and Access To and Quality of Affordable Housing | This program will provide financial assistance to address emergencies including, but not limited to, heat and/or hot water tanks for income eligible owner-occupants. CDBG: \$100,000 50 Household Housing Units Assisted | Emergencies including, but not limited to, replace furnaces and/or hot water heaters for low/mod owner occupants | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) – Rehab including replacement of furnaces and hot water heaters Categorically Excluded NOT Subject to 58.5 per 24 CFR 58.35(b)(3) – Repairs and equipment see HUD maintenance notice CPD-16-02 |
| 13 | Project Phoenix Program | Provide economic and workforce development | This program will provide construction industry workforce development training via a non-profit that rehabilitates vacant homes CDBG: \$50,000 15 Persons Assisted | Rehabilitation of vacant structures. | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) - Rehab |
| 14 | Fire Department Small Equipment | Provide Public Services | The Rochester Fire Department (RFD) provides and installs free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to low and moderate income families living in residential properties. The RFD coordinates and implements fire prevention and education programs to reach at-risk target populations. CDBG: \$55,000 1700 Households Assisted | Distribution of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. | Categorically Excluded NOT Subject to 58.5 per 24 CFR 58.35(b)(3) – Maintenance and equipment Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4) – Public services see HUD maintenance notice CPD-16-02 |
| 15 | Residential Street Rehabilitation | Improve Public Infrastructure and Facilities | This project will support residential street maintenance and rehabilitation including milling and resurfacing, new curbs, sidewalks, water, receiving basins, and street lighting improvements for residential streets. CDBG: \$400,000 Estimated number assisted to be determined | Residential street maintenance and rehabilitation including milling and resurfacing, new curbs, sidewalks, water, receiving basins, and street lighting improvements for residential streets. | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(1) – Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction or rehab of public facilities and improvements of public facilities in place |

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| 16 | STEAM Engine | Provide Public Services | The S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Engine is a mobile education and recreation program that will engage youth in free, high quality STEM and visual/performing arts activities in parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, and cultural art institutions. The program will be delivered using the Rec on the Move model, which brings activities, equipment, staff, and all of the benefits of R Centers right to youth and families in their neighborhoods. A portion of the STEAM Engine funds will continue to support the delivery of community-based music instruction through the ROCmusic program, an after-school and summer music education program that offers tuition-free instrumental music instruction, small and Large group lessons, and performance opportunities at R-Centers. This allocation will cover \$25,000 of supplies and public services, and \$145,000 of staff program delivery costs. CDBG: \$170,000 3,000 Persons Assisted | Deliver weekly neighborhood-based mobile arts engagement & STEM program in R-Centers. Deliver weekly classical music instruction, instrument lessons, and performance opportunities to Rochester youth in grades 1-12 at R-Centers. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4) - Public services |
| 17 | DRHS Play Apparatus | Improve Public Infrastructure and Facilities | Includes design and construction of play apparatus at several parks and playgrounds, including the installation of updated equipment and safety surface as needed and to maintain compliance with current Consumer Product Safety Commission and ADA guidelines. CDBG: \$800,000 Estimated number assisted to be determined | Play apparatus at various City parks and playgrounds | Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(1) – Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction or rehab of public facilities and improvements of public facilities in place Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(8) – Engineering or design costs |

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| 18 | Job Creation/Youth Development | Provide Public Services | This project will support City of Rochester Department of Recreation and Human Services programs and activities, including the Summer of Opportunity program, that provide year-round job readiness, work awareness, and basic occupational skills development for low/mod income youth seeking employment or career exploration services. The funds will be used to lend support to programs or activities that are identified as providing an integrated environment for the provision of job readiness, work awareness, and basic occupational skills development for low/mod income city residents seeking employment or vocational or career exploration services. It will also provide asset development opportunities for youth and skills development for adults. CDBG: \$500,000 800 Persons Assisted | The activity will include programs and activities that provide job readiness, work readiness, basic occupational skills development, asset development opportunities and skills development. Both youth and adults may be served by the activity. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4) – Public services |
| 19 | Connecting Children to Nature | Provide Public Services | This project will expand on the Mayor's 10-Minute Walk to Parks pledge and the City's commitment to the Cities Connecting Children to Nature initiative by providing park activation and environmental education programming for City of Rochester residents. CDBG: \$43,200 1,000 Persons Assisted | Coordinate and implement a wide array of environmental and parks programming tailored to diverse audiences, including parks stewardship, environmental education, volunteer activities, family-friendly fitness activities in parks, and nature-based play activities. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4) – Public services |
| 20 | Employment Opportunity Job Training Support | Provide Public Services Economic and Workforce Development | This program will fund staff to coordinate employment readiness and career awareness training to city students, ages 14-20, as well as leadership skills development including social and interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, team building, and decision making. Additionally, students will participate in internships with the City and/or local employers. Funding will provide workforce development support to low/mod income city youth participating in the program in the form of resume consultation and development, interview skills development, and job placement assistance. CDBG: \$56,700 100 Persons Assisted | The focus of the program is to train youth ages 14-20 on the soft and hard skills needed to obtain and maintain a job, exposure to community members who can talk to the importance of education and how it is a direct link to picking a career, and moving out of poverty and giving back to the community through community service. The youth who participate in the program move on to apply for the Summer of Opportunity Program for job placement. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4) – Public services |

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| 21 | Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement (YVOV) | Provide Public Services | Provide youth-led civic engagement support to low/mod income youth ages 10-19 participating in City of Rochester leadership training and youth development programs. Funding will support staff to coordinate youth civic engagement and entrepreneurship opportunities and leadership skills development including social and interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, event planning, service learning, team building, decision making, and work readiness. It will support the Youth Voice, One Vision – the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, Roc My Brother's Keeper, and other youth development programming. Each R-Center will have its own leadership group of at least 10 members. Programming will take place in school and community-based settlings. CDBG: \$72,300 200 Persons Assisted | Youth engaged in this program will work to alleviate problems within their neighborhoods, R-Centers, and schools. Youth learn life skills by attending workshops and by developing positive peer relationships and mentoring relationships with adults. Youth members learn concrete skills related to civic engagement and advocacy, politics and government, and producing community events that prepare them for planning for future life events, college and careers. They see real improvements to their communities as they carry out community service projects thus gaining confidence in their personal efficacy. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4) – Public services |
| 22 | International Plaza | Provide public services | CDBG funding will be used to support the management and daily operations of the La Marketa at the International Plaza. La Marketa is a public gathering and event space for community and culturally relevant programming as well as a market space that will offer a variety of vending options ranging from pop-up tents and carts to more permanent retail locations housed in converted shipping containers. Local entrepreneurs can sell their products and services in a low risk, low cost, flexible environment that is envisioned to become an incubator for neighborhood economic development. CDBG: \$46,000 20,000 Persons Assisted | Oversee International Plaza operations including vendor recruitment and management, special event & promotional development activities, site maintenance, community engagement activities, nutrition education, and culturally relevant experiential learning opportunities. | Categorically Excluded NOT Subject to 58.5 per 24 CFR 58.35(b)(3) – Operating costs Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(3) & (4) – Administrative and management activities; Public services |
| 23 | Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) | Provide Housing and Services to Homeless and At-Risk | The program will support homelessness prevention, emergency shelter operations, coordinated entry, rapid re-housing, street outreach, and planning and administration efforts. ESG: \$707,618 42 Households Assisted Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA) /Rapid Rehousing 1,020 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter 50 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention 48 Persons Assisted Other (Street Outreach programs with case management and housing search as 2 main components) | Street outreach, coordinated access/entry, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter operations and support services to qualified households that meet the appropriate definition of "homeless" or, for homelessness prevention activities, households that meet the HUD definition of "at risk of homelessness." \$53,071 of the funds (7.5% of the allocation) will be used for the City's administration of the ESG Program. That amount is included in this project as only one activity can be listed for this funding source. | Categorically Excluded NOT Subject to 58.5 – per 24 CFR 58.35(b)(1) & (2) – TBRA; Supportive services Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(3) – Administrative & management activities |

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| 24 | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) | Provide Housing and Services for Persons with Special Needs | Provides rental assistance and other supportive services to low income households where a member of the household has been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. HOPWA: \$972,892 189 Households Assisted | Rental assistance and other supportive services to those with HIV/AIDS. | Categorically Excluded NOT Subject to 58.5 – per 24 CFR 58.35(b)(1) & (2) – TBRA; Supportive services Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4) – Public services |
| 25 | Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) | Increase Supply and Access To and Quality of Affordable Housing | Subsidy funds to facilitate development from City-designated Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), resulting in reduced blight and increased homeownership and rental housing opportunities for low-moderate income households. HOME: \$371,742 7 Quality Housing Units Added | Development and rehabilitation assistance to complete high-quality rehab of vacant properties and sell to income-qualified owner occupants and/or the development of high quality affordable rental units. | Environmental Assessment per 24 CFR 58.36 – Major rehab and new construction Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) - Rehab |
| 26 | Affordable Housing Fund | Increase Supply and Access To and Quality of Affordable Housing | Provides gap financing for the development and/or rehabilitation of affordable housing. Funds may be for costs associated with new and/or rehabilitated housing; energy efficiency and sustainability features, enhancements, and/or improvements; approved soft costs or limited pre-development costs necessary to create or continue the availability of affordable rental and homeownership housing. HOME: \$1,558,711 27 Household Housing Units: 16 Rental Units Constructed 7 Homeowner Housing Units Added 4 Homeowner Housing Units Rehabilitated | Gap financing for the development of affordable housing. | Environmental Assessment 24 CFR 58.36 – Major rehab and new construction Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i) - Rehab |
| 27 | Homebuyer Assistance | Increase Supply and Access To and Quality of Affordable Housing | Provides down payment and closing cost assistance of up to \$8,000. HOME: \$450,000 57 Households Assisted | Down payment and closing cost assistance | Categorically Excluded NOT Subject to 58.5 per 24 CFR 58.35(b)(5) – Activities to assist home buyers |
| 28 | Homebuyer Training | Increase Supply and Access To and Quality of Affordable Housing | Provide pre and post-purchase training for first time homebuyers in the city. HOME: \$50,000 The households that are assisted with HOME and CDF funds from this program are already counted in the homeownership program. | Pre and post-purchase training for first time homebuyers in the city. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4) – Public services |

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| 29 | Planning | Planning | Funds are used to reimburse salary and fringe of City staff in the Office of Planning. CDBG: \$249,000 | Planning staff | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(1) & (3) – Studies, plans, and strategies; Administrative and management activities |
| 30 | Administration | Administration | This project provides funds to administer and monitor federal programs, including CDBG Program Management (\$415,500), CDBG Indirect Costs like legal and financial services (\$450,000), HOPWA administration (\$30,089), and HOME administration (\$247,828). CDBG: \$940,500 HOPWA: \$30,089 HOME: \$247,828 | Program management, monitoring, legal and financial services, contracting, coordination, and administration of federal programs. | Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(3) – Administrative and management activities |
| 31 | Neighborhood and Business Program Delivery | Program Delivery | The allocation provides funds for the development of overall economic development policies and provides support services, coordination of real estate development, management of feasibility and consultant studies, monitoring of legal and professional service agreements, reparation of site and financial analyses, performing market research, outreach to businesses, preparation of loan packages and support, pre-development services, outreach, financial, technical and site selection assistance to businesses, organization of neighborhood commercial business assistance programs. HOPWA funds are used for the administration of the HOPWA program. Funds are used for staff involved in the planning, coordinating, and monitoring of the City's housing initiatives. Funds also support the goal of Promote Economic Stability. CDBG: \$2,050,100 | Development of overall economic and community development policies and provide support services, coordination of real estate development, management of feasibility and consultant studies, monitoring of legal and professional service agreements, preparation of site and financial analyses, performing market research, outreach to businesses, preparation of loan packages and support, predevelopment services, outreach, financial, technical and site selection assistance to businesses, organization of neighborhood commercial business assistance programs. Funds are also used for staff involved in the planning, coordinating, and monitoring of the City's housing initiatives. | Exempt 24 CFR 58.34(a)(1), (2) & (3): Development of plans & strategies; Information & financial services; Program management and administration |



