

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF PATERSON NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 11, 2025

City of Paterson
Dept. of Community Development
125 Ellison Street, 2nd Floor
Paterson, New Jersey 07505

On or about August 26, 2025 the City of Paterson **will submit a request to HUD for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the** Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, **as amended to undertake a project known as** Habitat for Humanity Scattered Site Development for the purpose of increasing affordable housing in the community. The proposed project includes the acquisition, rehabilitation, and disposition of four single-family units. All of the addresses are located within the 1st and 4th Wards of the City of Paterson. These units are part of Paterson Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Passaic County Habitat for Humanity's (PCHFH) strategic goal to increase homeownership in the city of Paterson. The units included in this application represent the continuation of work for which Habitat has been awarded multiple HOME grants over the years and applied for HOME grants in 2019 through 2024. There are already many Passaic County Habitat homeowner families living in the immediate vicinity of these properties as well as easy access to downtown Paterson including public services and private businesses, restaurants, and bodegas. The area is accessible to popular bus routes, and the Market Street Paterson train station is a short drive away; both buses and trains provide additional access to jobs and other amenities in the surrounding towns, including NYC. The nearest parks in the 4th Ward are Vera Ames Park (formerly Wrigley Park) & Barbour Park. In the 1st Ward the nearest parks are Clinton Street & Cobb Parks. These homes are also in the same neighborhoods as our faith-based partners Bethel AME, St. Luke's, Grace Chapel & Serenity Baptist.

Locations:

- Site 1: 22 Belle Avenue #2, Paterson, NJ
- Site 2: 142 Putnam Street #2, Paterson, NJ
- Site 3: 85 N 1st Street #2, Paterson, NJ (No Acquisition)
- Site 4: 132 N 1st Street, Paterson, NJ

Grant Funding: \$603,000

Total Cost: \$1,917,525

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. **Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). 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 or e-mail to:**

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125 Ellison Street, 2nd Floor
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and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 3:00 P.M. or by contacting the Director of Community Development, Barbara Blake-McLennon at bmclennon@patersonnj.gov or 973-321-1212

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Director of Community Development Barbara Blake-McLennon at bmclennon@patersonnj.gov or 973-321-1212. All comments received by August 26, 2025 will be considered by the City of Paterson prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Paterson certifies to HUD that André Sayegh in their capacity as 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Paterson to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Paterson's 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 Paterson; (b) the City of Paterson 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 HUD; 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Newark Field Office at One Newark Center, 1085 Raymond Blvd, 13th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102 or CPDRROFNJN@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Newark Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

André Sayegh, Mayor
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