

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

August 24, 2026

Village of Saranac
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On or about September 1, 2026, the Village of Saranac will request the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to release CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Program funds will be used to undertake a project known as Community Development Block Grant for the purpose of Homeowner Rehabilitation. The estimated awarded grant amount for the Village of Saranac, is \$1,500,000. The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.

Estimated Project Cost: \$1,500,000

The Tier I broad assessment of the project area revealed no serious environmental adverse impacts for: **The following 24 CFR Part 58.5 laws and authorities were reviewed and cleared during the Tier I Environmental Review:** Clean Air Act; Explosive and Flammable Hazards; Farmlands Protection; Historic Preservation, Native American Tribes (THPO); Sole Source Aquifers; Wetlands Protection; and Environmental Justice.

Tier II site-specific environmental analyses will be conducted as project sites are identified and will include the following factors: Airport Hazards; Coastal Barrier Resources; Flood Insurance; Coastal Zone Management; Contamination and Toxic Substances; Endangered Species; Floodplain Management; Historic Preservation, SHPO; Noise Abatement and Control and Wild and Scenic Rivers.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Saranac Village Office, 27 N Bridge Street, Saranac, MI 48881. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Village of Saranac, PO Box 312, Saranac, MI 48881 or by email to: saranacoffice@gmail.com. All comments received by August 31, 2026 will be considered prior to requesting a release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Village of Saranac certifies to MSHDA that the Village of Saranac and Sharon Darby in her capacity as Village President and 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. MSHDA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Village of Saranac to use HUD Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

MSHDA will accept objections to its release of funds and the Grantee'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 Grantee; (b) the Certifying Officer 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by MSHDA; 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) and can be sent via email to mshda-cdbg@michigan.gov or through the mail, addressed to MSHDA - CDBG, 735 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48912. Potential objectors should contact MSHDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sharon Darby, Village President/Certifying Officer - Grantee