

**CERTIFICATION OF  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT NOT SUBJECT TO § 58.5  
(BUT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH 24 CFR 58.6)**

The (Name of Responsible Entity) requests that the State of Ohio release Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following projects:

<u>Project Name</u> <u>(if applicable)/</u>				
<u>Activity Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity No.</u>	<u>Activity Amt.</u>	<u>Grant Agreement No.</u>

The (Name of Responsible Entity) has reviewed the aggregated scope of each of the above listed projects and has determined that each is consistent with the criteria described at 24 CFR 58.35 (b), Categorical exclusions not subject to Sec. 58.5. The projects, funded in whole or in part, will not alter any conditions that would require a review or compliance determination under the Federal laws and authorities cited in § 58.5. There are no extraordinary circumstances or conditions that indicate that these activities could have a significant environmental effect.

The (Name of Responsible Entity) has documented in a written environmental review record (ERR) its determination that each project meets the conditions specified for inclusion in this category. If the project scope is changed or modified and will result in a physical impact on a structure or property, a new environmental review will be conducted for the modified project.

The (Name of Responsible Entity) acknowledges that it remains responsible for carrying out any applicable requirements under 24 CFR 58.6 (e.g. flood hazards, coastal barrier resources, and runway clear zones). Updates for unidentified sites will be performed and maintained in the ERR. The ERR is on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of (time) a.m. and (time) p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at the address listed below.

The environmental review was conducted by:

(Name and Title of Person Conducting the Review)  
(Mailing Address)

I, as certifying officer, certify the accuracy of these statements:

(Typed Name and Title of Certifying Officer)  
(Mailing Address of Recipient)  
(Signature of Certifying Officer)  
(Date of Signature)

Submit Certification to:

Ohio Department of Development  
Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (OHCP)  
Environmental Grant Analyst  
P.O. Box 1001  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001

**DEFINITION OF**  
**CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED PROJECT NOT SUBJECT TO § 58.5**  
**DESCRIBED AT 24 CFR 58.35 (b)**

Regulation summary:

58.35 (b) Categorically excluded activities not subject to § 58.5.

The Department has determined that the following categorically excluded activities would not alter any conditions that would require a review or compliance determination under the Federal laws and authorities cited in § 58.5. When the following kinds of activities are undertaken, the responsible entity does not have to publish a NOI/RROF, except in circumstances described in paragraph (c) of this section. *The responsible entity must, however, execute a certification and forward it to the State.* The recipient remains responsible for carrying out any applicable requirements under § 58.6.

- (1) Tenant-based rental assistance;
- (2) Supportive services including, but not limited to, health care, housing services, permanent housing placement, day care, nutritional services, short term payments for rent/mortgage/utility costs, and assistance in gaining access to local, State, and Federal government benefits and services;
- (3) Operating costs including maintenance, security, operation, utilities, furnishings, equipment, supplies, staff training and recruitment and other incidental costs;
- (4) Economic development activities, including but not limited to, equipment purchase, inventory financing, interest subsidy, operating expenses and similar costs **NOT** associated with construction or expansion of existing operations;
- (5) Activities to assist homebuyers to purchase existing dwelling units or dwelling units under construction, including closing costs and down payment assistance, interest buydowns, and similar activities that result in the transfer of title.
- (6) Affordable housing pre-development costs including legal, consulting, developer and other costs related to obtaining site options, project financing, administrative costs and fees for loan commitments, zoning approvals, and other related activities which do not have a physical impact.

58.35 (c) Circumstances requiring NEPA review.

If a responsible entity determines that an activity or project identified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, because of extraordinary circumstances and conditions at or affecting the location of the activity or project, may have a significant environmental effect, it shall comply with all the requirements of this part.

58.35 (d) The Environmental Review Record (ERR) must contain a well organized written record of the process and determinations made under this section.