

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency 3508 Bush Street Raleigh, NC 27609	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NO: 2025-001
	Due Date/Time: May 9, 2025/5:00 PM EST
	Issue Date: April 24, 2025
Refer <u>ALL</u> inquiries and responses regarding this RFI to: csyoung@nchfa.com If you have any questions regarding this request for information please submit them via email no later than 5:00 PM EST, May 1, 2025	Description: Seeking qualified environmental consultants to assist with environmental reviews for compliance with HUD 24 CFR 58.5 and 58.6 laws and authorities and the Property Standards at 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) and (2) for new construction and rehabilitation of multi-family housing projects.

The purpose of this Request for Information is to survey the market for information requested herein and NOT a solicitation, request for offer, or an offer. Submission of a response does not create an offer, and no award will result by submitting a response.

Execution:

RESPONDENT NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:	P.O. BOX:	ZIP:
CITY, STATE & ZIP:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:	TOLL FREE TEL. NO
PRINT NAME & TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING:		FAX NUMBER:
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	DATE:	E-MAIL:

It is the responding entities ("Respondent") responsibility to submit its response to this RFI via email to csyoung@nchfa.com by 5:00 PM EST on May 9, 2025.

Respondents must include an executed copy of page 1 of this RFI with their response.

Section I. Respondent Questions and Instructions for Responding

A. Respondent Questions Concerning this RFI

1. Submit any questions concerning this RFI by email to the contact and by the time listed above.
2. Respondents are requested to prepare responses in a straightforward and detailed manner; complete the Execution on page 1 and return one electronic copy of the signed execution page with their response by the due date to csyoung@nchfa.com.

B. Confidentiality & Obligations

1. Pursuant to NCGS 132-1, et seq., information or documents provided to the Agency in response to this RFI are public records and subject to inspection, copy and release to the public unless exempt from disclosure by statute including by not limited to NCGS 132-1.2.
2. All responses, inquiries or correspondence related to this RFI, and all documentation submitted shall become the property of the Agency when received.
3. **This RFI is not a guarantee that a solicitation will be issued for any or all services herein.**

Section II. Background

The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) is a self-supporting public agency that provides safe, affordable housing opportunities to enhance the quality of life of North Carolinians. Since its creation by the General Assembly, NCHFA has financed more than 321,320 affordable homes and apartments, totaling \$34.4 billion. NCHFA provides financing through the sale of tax-exempt bonds and management of federal tax credit programs, the federal HOME Program, the state and national Housing Trust Funds, and other programs.

NCHFA finances construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing throughout the state by awarding low-interest loans, some of which are federally funded.

Environmental reviews are required for all HUD-assisted projects to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other state and federal laws, ensuring that the proposed project does not negatively impact the environment or the intended end users. NCHFA finances multiple projects each year with federal funding and must adhere to HUD's Environmental Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 and HUD's Environmental Provisions 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) and (2). There can be 10-20 projects requiring environmental reviews each year with mixture of HOME, NHTF, and HOME/NHTF together.

NCHFA is seeking information from qualified environmental consultants with expertise in conducting environmental reviews in compliance with NEPA, HUD's Environmental Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 and HUD's Environmental Provisions 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) and (2) and related laws and authorities described on Appendix A.

Section III. Scope of Work

- A. The purpose of this RFI is to identify qualified environmental consultants to assist with HUD environmental reviews for projects located throughout the state. Projects awarded federal funding must adhere to NEPA, HUD's Environmental Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 and HUD's Environmental Provisions 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) and (2) before NCHFA can commit to fund a project.
- B. Respondents will be responsible for preparing environmental assessments, conducting site assessments, initiating all necessary consultations and studies to complete the environmental review as described in the HUD Environmental Review Regulations. The Respondent will complete studies (Phase I, geotechnical, wetland delineation, biological assessment, archaeological, noise, traffic, etc.) that are required and any additional studies and consultations required to address and fulfill compliance issues that need to be addressed following the completion of the completion of initial studies.
- C. Respondents will be responsible for entering all necessary information and supporting documentation to HUDs Environmental Review Online System (HEROS) for projects that require compliance with 24 CFR Part 58.

Section III. Submission Criteria

- A. Qualifications
 - 1) Description of firm: legal name and business structure and years in business
 - 2) Certifications and licenses relevant to environmental compliance
 - 3) Demonstrated knowledge of HUD environmental review requirements, specifically NEPA, 24 CFR Part 58 and 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) and (2)
 - 4) Demonstrated knowledge with related statues and executive orders (e.g., NEPA, Section 106, floodplain management, noise abatement, and all others listed on the part 50/part 58 statutory checklist and the Determining Compliance with Environmental Provisions 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) and (2) attached to this RFI as Appendix A)
 - 5) Demonstrated knowledge and experience conducting site assessments and identifying potential environmental issues
 - 6) Staff qualifications (resumes or bios)
- B. Experience
 - 1) Summary of previous projects that involved environmental review under 24 CFR Part 58 and 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) and (2)
 - i. Project name and location
 - ii. Type of HUD program (e.g. CDBG, HOME, NHTF)
 - iii. Scope of services provided
 - iv. Timeline and outcome of review process
 - v. Experience using HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS)
 - 2) Summary of HUD provided environmental review trainings attended

C. Cost Information

- 1) General Cost Structure or fee schedule for services described in Section III to include a separate breakdown of costs for:
 - i. 24 CFR Part 58 reviews new construction
 - ii. 24 CFR Part 58 reviews rehabilitation
 - iii. 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) new construction
 - iv. 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) rehabilitation
- 2) Description of how pricing may vary based on complexity or scale
- 3) Sample budget from a past project (redact any sensitive information)

D. Availability and Capacity

- 1) Estimated availability to perform services on short notice (projects are awarded a conditional commitment in August and would need to start the environmental assessment in September)
- 2) Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously
- 3) Office location and geographic areas served (by county)

E. Additional Information

- 1) Familiarity with integrating environmental reviews into project timelines and planning cycles

Appendix A



**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development**

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Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58

**This is a suggested format that may be used by Responsible Entities to document completion of an
Environmental Assessment.**

Project Information

Project Name:

Responsible Entity:

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

State/Local Identifier:

Preparer:

Certifying Officer Name and Title:

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

Consultant (if applicable):

Direct Comments to:

Project Location:

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.21 & 58.32]:

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal:

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]:

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]:

Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order, or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders,	Are formal compliance steps or	Compliance determinations
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and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	mitigation required?	
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.6		
Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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 No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.5		
Clean Air Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Coastal Zone Management Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Endangered Species Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>Farmlands Protection</p> <p>Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Floodplain Management</p> <p>Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Historic Preservation</p> <p>National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Noise Abatement and Control</p> <p>Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Sole Source Aquifers</p> <p>Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Wetlands Protection</p> <p>Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Wild and Scenic Rivers</p> <p>Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

Environmental Assessment Factors [24 CFR 58.40] Recorded below is the qualitative and quantitative significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Each factor has been evaluated and documented, as appropriate and in proportion to its relevance to the proposed action. Verifiable source documentation has been provided and described in support of each determination, as appropriate. Credible, traceable and supportive source documentation for each authority has been provided. Where applicable, the necessary reviews or consultations have been completed and applicable permits of approvals have been obtained or noted. Citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references are clear. Additional documentation is attached, as appropriate. **All conditions, attenuation or mitigation measures have been clearly identified.**

Impact Codes: Use an impact code from the following list to make the determination of impact for each factor.

- (1) Minor beneficial impact
- (2) No impact anticipated
- (3) Minor Adverse Impact – May require mitigation
- (4) Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
LAND DEVELOPMENT		
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design		
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff		
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise		

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
SOCIOECONOMIC		
Employment and Income Patterns		
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement		

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES		
Educational and Cultural Facilities		
Commercial Facilities		

Health Care and Social Services		
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling		
Waste Water / Sanitary Sewers		
Water Supply		
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical		
Parks, Open Space and Recreation		
Transportation and Accessibility		

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
NATURAL FEATURES		
Unique Natural Features, Water Resources		
Vegetation, Wildlife		
Other Factors		

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
ENERGY		
Energy Efficiency		

Additional Studies Performed:

Field Inspection (Date and completed by):

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted:

List of Permits Obtained:

Public Outreach [24 CFR 50.23 & 58.43]:

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:

Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e)]

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]:

Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

Mitigation Measures and Conditions

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

Determination:

Finding of No Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1)]
The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

Finding of Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(2)]
The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Preparer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name/Title/Organization: _____

Certifying Officer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name/Title: _____

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).

Suggested Format for Determining Compliance with Environmental Provisions 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) New Construction

(including new construction of manufactured housing or acquisition of existing housing that has been newly constructed or rehabilitated less than 12 months before the commitment of HTF funds)

Directions – The following can be used as a cover sheet for compliance with the Environmental Provisions for New Construction

- 1) Select from the options under each Environmental Provision
 - 2) Provide the appropriate documentation in the project file
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Historic Preservation

Select one of the following:

- The project is NOT listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places individually or as part of an historic district.

<http://www.nps.gov/nr/research/>

➔ *Document that the project is not listed or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places by a qualified professional.*

- The project is listed or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, individually or as part of an historic district, and work DOES NOT include demolition and MEETS the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation – including the Standards related to new construction. <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/four-treatments/treatment-rehabilitation.htm>

➔ *If the project is listed or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provide documentation on how the work meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Note: If archaeological resources or human remains are discovered on the project site during construction, consult with affected tribes and/or descendant communities and comply with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001–3013), State law and/or local ordinance (e.g., State unmarked burial law).

➔ *Document all consultation correspondence with the affected tribe and/or descendant communities, and how compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001–3013), State law and/or local ordinance (e.g., State unmarked burial law) has been met.*

Farmlands

Select one of the following:

- The project will NOT convert unique, prime or significant (state or local) farmland to an urban use. <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx> or <https://tigerweb.geo.census.gov/tigerweb/>

➔ *A map from the Web Soil Survey or TigerWeb showing that the project site is not a unique, prime or statewide or locally significant agricultural property, or a TigerWeb map showing*

the project is in an urban area.

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Airport Zones

Select one of the following:

- The project is NOT located within a Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) of a civilian airport or the clear zone or Accident Potential Zone (APZ) of a military airfield.

<https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist>

- ➔ *A map showing the site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or within 2,500 feet of a civilian airport.*

If within 15,000 feet of a military airport, a map showing the site is not within a designated APZ or a letter from the airport operator stating so.

If within 2,500 feet of a civilian airport, a map showing the site is not within a designated RPZ or a letter from the airport operator stating so.

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Coastal Barrier Resources

Select one of the following:

- The project is NOT located within a Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) unit.

<http://www.fws.gov/CBRA/Maps/Mapper.html>

- ➔ *A map showing that the project site is not located in a CBRS Unit or a statement that the state contains no CBRS units.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Coastal Zone Management

Select one of the following:

- The project is NOT located in a Coastal Zone, or it has been determined that the project IS CONSISTENT with the State Coastal Zone Management Plan.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/coastal-zone-management/>

- ➔ *Document that the project site is not located in a Coastal Zone. If a project is located within a Coastal Zone document that the project is consistent with the State Coastal Zone Management Plan, this may require contacting the state Coastal Zone Management Agency to obtain a letter of consistency for the project.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Floodplains

Select one of the following:

- The project is NOT located in the Floodway, Coastal High Hazard Area or 100-year or 500-year floodplain on the latest FEMA floodmap (including preliminary maps and Advisory Base Flood Elevations). <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>
 - ➔ *FEMA FIRM or other latest-available data from FEMA showing the project location is not within a floodplain.*

- 100-year floodplain -
If there are no practicable alternatives to new construction or substantial improvement the structure IS elevated at least to the base flood elevation (BFE) or floodproofed to one foot above the BFE and the project IS NOT a Critical Action.
 - ➔ *Document whether there is a practicable alternative. If so, select a site outside the floodplain. If there is no practicable alternative, provide the FIRM or latest-available FEMA data and document that the structure has been elevated at least the BFE or floodproofed to one foot above the BFE, that elevated and floodproofed buildings adhere to National Flood Insurance Program standards, and that the project is a not a Critical Action.*

- Floodway –
The project IS a functionally dependent use.
 - ➔ *Provide the FIRM or latest-available FEMA data and document that the structure is a functionally dependent use.*

- Coastal High Hazard Area –
The project IS reconstruction following destruction caused by a disaster and is designed for location in a coastal high hazard area consistent with the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program requirements for V Zones.
 - ➔ *Provide the FIRM or latest-available FEMA data and document that the structure is reconstruction following destruction caused by a disaster and is designed for location in a coastal high hazard area consistent with the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program requirements for V Zones, and that the structure is not a Critical Action.*

- 500-year floodplain –
The project is NOT a Critical Action.
 - ➔ *Provide the FIRM or latest-available FEMA data and document that the structure is not a Critical Action.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Wetlands

Select one of the following:

- The project will NOT adversely impact a wetland. The project will NOT drain, dredge, channelize, fill, dike, impound, or perform grading activities in wetlands.
<http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/Mapper.html>

➔ *A map showing the project is not located in a jurisdictional or non-jurisdictional wetland.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Explosives and Hazards

Select one of the following:

- The project IS in compliance with the standards for acceptable separation distances, as set forth at 24 CFR part 51, subpart C. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/explosive-and-flammable-facilities/>

➔ *Document that the project meets the standards for acceptable separation distance.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Contamination

Select one of the following:

- The project is FREE of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property.

AND

The project IS NOT located within 0.25 miles of a Superfund or CERCLIS (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System) site or other contaminated site reported to Federal, State, or local authorities without a statement in writing from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the appropriate State agency that there is no hazard that could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property.

Note: The CERCLIS Public Access Database has been retired. The EPA is transitioning to the Superfund Enterprise Management System, or SEMS. SEMS includes the same data fields and content as CERCLIS.

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

➔ *Document that the project is free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property. Document that the project is not located within 0.25 miles of a Superfund or CERCLIS site or other contaminated site reported to Federal, State, or local authorities without a statement in writing from the EPA or the appropriate State agency that there is no hazard that could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property.*

Multifamily properties (more than 4 units) - a Phase I ESA–ASTM is required. If the Phase I ESA identifies RECs, a Phase II ESA–ASTM will be required. If the Phase II indicates the presence of hazardous substances or petroleum products above applicable local, state, tribal or federal (LSTF) screening levels, coordination with the relevant LSTF oversight agency will be required to complete the remediation process and obtain a determination that no further action is required. Development of more than four single family structures in the same location, such as subdivision development, should be evaluated as multifamily

Single family properties - projects must avoid sites located within 0.25 miles of a Superfund or CERCLIS site or other contaminated site reported to Federal, State, or local authorities without a statement in writing from the EPA or the appropriate State agency that there is no hazard that could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property. In addition to the government records search, the screening process for single family does include a site visit. When the screening process raises concerns related to site contamination, it may be appropriate to contract with an environmental professional for preparation of a Phase I, testing and sampling, or other investigation.

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Noise

Select one of the following:

- External noise level is LESS THAN 65 dB.

➔ *Document the external noise level.*

- External noise level is between 65 dB and less than 75 dB. Mitigation measures result in an interior standard of 45 dB.

➔ *Document the external noise level, and the mitigation measures taken to meet the interior noise level standard of no more than 45 dB.*

- External noise level is 75 dB or greater. There are NO noise sensitive outdoor uses (e.g., picnic areas, tot lots, balconies, or patios) and mitigation measures to the building shell achieve the 45 dB interior standard.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/noise-abatement-and-control/>

➔ *Document the exterior noise level, and the mitigation measures taken to meet the interior noise level standard of no more than 45 dB. Also document that there are no outside noise sensitive uses involved in the project.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Endangered Species

Select one of the following:

- The project will NOT impact endangered or threatened species or their habitat.
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/endangered-species/>

➔ *Provide documentation that there are no endangered, threatened species, or critical habitat on the project site. If there are endangered, threatened species or critical habitat on the project site, document that the project will not jeopardize an endangered or threatened species, and will not adversely modify critical habitat. This may require informal consultation with FWS and/or NMFS.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Select one of the following:

- The project is NOT located near a Wild and Scenic River.

➔ *Document that the project is not located near a Wild and Scenic River.*

- The project is located near a Wild and Scenic River and IS CONSISTENT with the River's Management Plan.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/wild-and-scenic-rivers/>

➔ *Document that the project is located near a Wild and Scenic River and the project is consistent with the River's Management Plan.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Sole Source Aquifers

Select one of the following:

- The project will NOT impact a Sole Source Aquifer.
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/sole-source-aquifers/>

➔ *Document that the project site is not located on a SSA. If the project site located on a SSA provide documentation from EPA that the project will not impact the SSA (including regional MOUs).*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Safe Drinking Water

Select one of the following:

- The project is CONSTRUCTED WITH lead-free pipes, solder, and flux.

<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo>

➔ *Document that the project only uses lead-free pipes, solder, and flux (architectural plans, building specifications, and certification by qualified professional).*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Suggested Format for Determining Compliance with Environmental Provisions 24 CFR 93.301(f)(2) Rehabilitation

Directions – The following can be used as a cover sheet for compliance with the Environmental Provisions for Rehabilitation.

- 1) Select from the options under each Environmental Provision
 - 2) Provide the appropriate documentation in the project file
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Historic Preservation

Select one of the following:

- The project is NOT listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places individually or as part of an historic district.

<http://www.nps.gov/nr/research/>

➔ *Document that the project is not listed or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places by a qualified professional.*

- The project is listed or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, individually or as part of an historic district, and work DOES NOT include demolition and MEETS the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/four-treatments/treatment-rehabilitation.htm>

➔ *Document that the project is listed or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and how the work meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (photos, architectural plans, and certification by the qualified professional).*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Note: If archaeological resources or human remains are discovered on the project site during construction, consult with affected tribes and/or descendant communities and comply with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001–3013), State law and/or local ordinance (e.g., State unmarked burial law).

➔ *Document all consultation correspondence with the affected tribe and/or descendant communities, and how compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001–3013), State law and/or local ordinance (e.g., State unmarked burial law) has been met.*

Farmlands

Select one of the following:

- The project activity IS solely rehabilitation.

➔ *Document a summary of rehabilitation activities that are part of the project.*

- The project will NOT convert unique, prime or significant (state or local) farmland to an urban use - <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm> or <https://tigerweb.geo.census.gov/tigerweb/>

➔ *A map from the Web Soil Survey showing that the project site is not a unique, prime or*

statewide or locally significant agricultural property, or a TigerWeb map showing the project is in an urban area.

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Airport Zones

Select one of the following:

- The project is NOT located within a Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) of a civilian airport or the clear zone or Accident Potential Zone (APZ) of a military airfield.

<https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist>

➔ *A map showing the site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or within 2,500 feet of a civilian airport.*

If within 15,000 feet of a military airport, a map showing the site is not within a designated APZ or a letter from the airport operator stating so.

If within 2,500 feet of a civilian airport, a map showing the site is not within a designated RPZ or a letter from the airport operator stating so.

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Coastal Barrier Resources

Select one of the following:

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<http://www.fws.gov/CBRA/Maps/Mapper.html>

➔ *A map showing that the project site is not located in a CBRS Unit OR a statement that the state contains no CBRS units.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Coastal Zone Management

Select one of the following:

- The project is NOT located in a Coastal Zone, or it has been determined that the project IS CONSISTENT with the State Coastal Zone Management Plan.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/coastal-zone-management/>

➔ *Document that the project site is not located in a Coastal Zone. If a project is located within a Coastal Zone document that the project is consistent with the State Coastal Zone Management Plan, this may require contacting the state Coastal Zone Management Agency to obtain a letter of consistency.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Floodplains

Select one of the following:

- The project is NOT located in the Floodway, Coastal High Hazard Area or 100-year or 500-year floodplain on the latest FEMA floodmap (including preliminary maps and Advisory Base Flood Elevations).

<https://msc.fema.gov/portal>

➔ *FEMA FIRM or other latest-available data from FEMA showing the project location is not within a floodplain.*

- 100-year floodplain -

If there are no practicable alternatives to substantial improvement the structure IS elevated at least to the base flood elevation (BFE) or floodproofed to one foot above the BFE and the project IS NOT a Critical Action.

➔ *Document whether there is a practicable alternative. If so, select a site outside the floodplain. If there is no practicable alternative, provide the FIRM or latest-available FEMA data and if the structure will be substantially improved, document that the structure has been elevated at least the BFE or floodproofed be substantially improved, document that the structure has been elevated at least the BFE or floodproofed to one foot above the BFE that elevated and floodproofed buildings must adhere to National Flood Insurance Program standards, and that the project is not a Critical Action.*

- Floodway –

The project IS a functionally dependent use.

➔ *Provide the FIRM or latest-available FEMA data and document that the structure is a functionally dependent use.*

- Coastal High Hazard Area –

The project IS designed for location in a coastal high hazard area consistent with the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program requirements for V Zones.

➔ *Provide the FIRM or latest-available FEMA data and document that the structure is designed for location in a coastal high hazard area consistent with the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program requirements for V Zones, and that the structure is not a Critical Action.*

- 500-year floodplain –

The project is NOT a Critical Action.

➔ *Provide the FIRM or latest-available FEMA data and document that the structure is not a Critical Action.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Wetlands

Select one of the following:

- The project will NOT adversely impact a wetland. The project will NOT drain, dredge, channelize, fill, dike, impound, or perform grading activities in wetlands.
<http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/Mapper.html>

➔ *A map showing the project is not located in a jurisdictional or non-jurisdictional wetland.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Explosives and Hazards

Select one of the following:

- The rehabilitation of the building will NOT increase residential densities in the building.

➔ *Document that the rehabilitation will not increase the number of dwelling units.*

- The project will increase residential densities, and IS in compliance with the standards for acceptable separation distances, as set forth at 24 CFR part 51, subpart C.
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/explosive-and-flammable-facilities/>

➔ *Document that the project meets the standards for acceptable separation distance.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Contamination

Select one of the following:

- The project is FREE of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property.

AND

The project IS NOT located within 0.25 miles of a Superfund or CERCLIS (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System) site or other contaminated site reported to Federal, State, or local authorities without a statement in writing from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the appropriate State agency that there is no hazard that could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property.

Note: The CERCLIS Public Access Database has been retired. The EPA is transitioning to the Superfund Enterprise Management System, or SEMS. SEMS includes the same data fields and content as CERCLIS.

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

➔ *Document that the project is free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property. Document that the project is not*

located within 0.25 miles of a Superfund or CERCLIS site or other contaminated site reported to Federal, State, or local authorities without a statement in writing from the EPA or the appropriate State agency that there is no hazard that could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property.

Multifamily properties (more than 4 units) a Phase I ESA–ASTM is required. If the Phase I ESA identifies RECs, a Phase II ESA–ASTM will be required. If the Phase II indicates the presence of hazardous substances or petroleum products above applicable local, state, tribal or federal (LSTF) screening levels, coordination with the relevant LSTF oversight agency will be required to complete the remediation process and obtain a determination that no further action is required. Development of more than four single family structures in the same location, such as subdivision development, should be evaluated as multifamily

Single family properties - projects must avoid sites located within 0.25 miles of a Superfund or CERCLIS site or other contaminated site reported to Federal, State, or local authorities without a statement in writing from the EPA or the appropriate State agency that there is no hazard that could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property. In addition to the government records search, the screening process for single family does include a site visit. When the screening process raises concerns related to site contamination, it may be appropriate to contract with an environmental professional for preparation of a Phase I, testing and sampling, or other investigation.

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Noise

Select one of the following:

- The internal noise level will be 45 decibels or less (mitigation may be required).
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/noise-abatement-and-control/>

➔ *Document that that interior noise levels will be no more than 45 dB.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Endangered Species

Select one of the following:

- The project will NOT impact endangered or threatened species or their habitat.
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/endangered-species/>

➔ *Provide documentation that there are no endangered, threatened species, or critical habitat on the project site. If there are endangered, threatened species or critical habitat on the project site, document that the project will not jeopardize an endangered or threatened species, and will not adversely modify critical habitat. This may require informal consultation with FWS and/or NMFS.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Select one of the following:

- The project is not located near a Wild and Scenic River.

➔ *Document that the project is not located near a Wild and Scenic River.*

- The project is located near a Wild and Scenic River and IS CONSISTENT with the River's Management Plan. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/wild-and-scenic-rivers/>

➔ *Document that the project is located near a Wild and Scenic River, and the project is consistent with the River's Management Plan.*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Sole Source Aquifers

Select one of the following:

- The project will NOT impact a Sole Source Aquifer.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/sole-source-aquifers/>

➔ *Document that the project site is not located on a SSA. If the project site located on a SSA provide documentation from EPA that the project will not impact the SSA (including regional MOUs).*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.

Safe Drinking Water

Select one of the following:

- The project CONTAINS lead-free pipes, solder, and flux.

<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo>

➔ *Document that the project only uses lead-free pipes, solder, and flux (architectural plans, building specifications, and certification by qualified professional).*

- Project cannot be funded with HTF.