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## Notice of Exemption

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### CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

#### Project Information

**Project Name:** Community Development Block Grant.  
Owner Occupied & Rental Rehabilitation Programs

#### Project Description

The City of Rio Dell is proposing to utilize CDBG Program Income and future CDBG Grant funds for Owner Occupied & Rental Rehabilitation loan programs. Homeowner rehabilitation is one of the most common community development programs administered nation-wide. CDBG funds provide a wide range of flexibility with rehabilitation of projects and design considerations.

Grantees can choose to do emergency repairs, spot rehabilitation or full house rehabilitation, including plumbing, electrical, HVAC, roof, window and foundation rehabilitation improvements.

#### CEQA Determination

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1.** (14 CCR 15301)
  - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2).

**Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

The project is categorically exempt under Class 1 Existing Facilities of the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Section 15301 provides some, but does not limit project scope to, examples of such projects, include interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances. As detailed above, the proposed Project would be categorized under this description.

### **NEPA Determination**

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the City determined that the project qualifies for a categorical exclusion under 24 CFR § 58.35(a)(3)(i).

### **§ 58.35 Categorical Exclusions.**

Categorical exclusion refers to a category of activities for which no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact under NEPA is required, except in extraordinary circumstances (see § 58.2(a)(3)) in which a normally excluded activity may have a significant impact. Compliance with the other applicable Federal environmental laws and authorities listed in § 58.5 is required for any categorical exclusion listed in paragraph (a) of this section.

(a) Categorical exclusions subject to § 58.5. The following activities are categorically excluded under NEPA, but may be subject to review under authorities listed in § 58.5:

(1) Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements (other than buildings) when the facilities and improvements are in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity of more than 20 percent (e.g., replacement of water or sewer lines, reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks, repaving of streets).

(2) Special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of and accessibility to elderly and handicapped persons.

**(3) Rehabilitation of buildings and improvements when the following conditions are met:**

**(i) In the case of a building for residential use (with one to four units), the density is not increased beyond four units, and the land use is not changed;**

As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA.

City Manager or Community Development Director

Kevin Caldwell

Print Name



Signature

March 21, 2023

Date