

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

*Date of Notice* November 22, 2024

*Name of Responsible Entity [RE]* Sarasota County Resilient SRQ

*Address (e.g., Street No. or P.O. Box)* 301 N. Cattlemen Rd., Suite 200

*City, State, Zip Code* Sarasota, FL 34232

*Telephone Number of RE* 941-861-5309

**On or about December 2, 2024 the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ will submit a request to the HUD Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program for the release of CDBG-DR funds under the 1988 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (Stafford Act), as amended, to undertake a project known as North Port Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitation at Cocoplum Waterway for the purpose of rehabilitating the bridge to its pre-Hurricane Ian condition. The scope of work includes repairing concrete spalling and cracks at the post tension anchor, bridge pilaster, piles, and bent cap, repaving the bridge deck, removing and replacing expansion joints, and installing new guardrail cushion blocks, as needed. The estimated funding of the proposed project is \$286,000 of which \$106,000 would be from HUD. The bridge is located along North Port Boulevard, crossing Cocoplum Waterway, approximately 120-feet north of the intersection with Espanola Avenue and approximately 140-feet south of the intersection with Sam Shapos Way.**

**The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements or alternative. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Sarasota County Resilient SRQ at 301 N. Cattlemen Rd., Suite 200, Sarasota, FL and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ at the above address. All comments received by November 22, 2024 will be considered by the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.**

## ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Sarasota County Resilient SRQ certifies to HUD that Steve Hyatt, MBA, CPM in his capacity as Program Management Division Manager 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 Sarasota County Resilient SRQ to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ'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 Sarasota County SRQ; (b) the Sarasota County SRQ 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Jacksonville Field Office at 400 W. Bay St. Suite 1015, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Potential objectors should contact this office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Name and Title of RE Certifying Officer*

Steve Hyatt, MBA, CPM  
Program Management Division Manager