

24 CFR PART 50 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS PURSUANT TO 24 CFR 598.405

**THRESHOLD REVIEW FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES  
URBAN EMPOWERMENT ZONES (EZ) PROGRAM**

EZ Grantee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
EZ Program Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Format Preparer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
FAX Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Describe the project. Indicate the number of housing units or square feet of non-residential space to be assisted, and/or acreage to be developed. Include street address, if applicable:

B. Attach a map of the community and identify the location of the proposed project. Attach photographs of the property and adjacent properties. Check:

(1) Map of community is attached: Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

(2) Photographs of the property and adjacent properties are attached: Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

C. Indicate the present and proposed use of the property:

(1) Present use: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Proposed use: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Which of the following activities are being proposed? Check one or more.

(1) Lease of existing structures \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Acquisition of existing structures \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Minor rehabilitation<sup>1/</sup> or repair of existing structures \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1/</sup> Minor rehabilitation means proposed fixing and building repair: (i) where the estimated cost of the work is less than 75 percent of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation, (ii) that does not involve changes in land use from residential to nonresidential, or from nonresidential to residential, and (iii) that does not increase unit density by more than 20 percent.

- (4) Major rehabilitation or improvement of existing structures\_\_\_\_\_
- (5) New construction (including demolition), conversion, or infrastructure improvements\_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Acquisition of undeveloped land for future development\_\_\_\_\_

E. Report the repair/rehabilitation costs and related property values, only if repair or rehabilitation of existing structures is proposed:

- (1) Property value before repair/rehab \$\_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Repair/rehab costs (est.) \$\_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Property Value after repair/rehab \$\_\_\_\_\_

F. Are there any physical or environmental conditions that are or may indicate a significant impact on the human environment? Indicate: No\_\_\_\_, Uncertain\_\_\_\_, or Yes\_\_\_\_.

G. Respond to these questions. For guidance, see page 6 of the Notice:

- (1) For leasing of existing structures: Complete questions #1 through 3 only.
- (2) For acquisition of existing structures: Complete questions #1 through 5 only.
- (3) For minor rehabilitation and repair of existing structures: Complete questions #1 through 6 only.
- (4) For new construction or acquisition of land for development of up to four housing units or of five or more units of housing on scattered sites where the housing sites are more than 2,000 feet apart and there are not more than four units on any one site: Complete questions #1 through 15 only.
- (5) Complete questions #1 through 16 for other new construction (including demolition), acquisition of undeveloped land, conversion from one land use to another, infrastructure improvements, or major rehabilitation and improvement (unless otherwise noted) of existing buildings.

**Questions:**

#1 Is the property located within designated coastal barrier resources?

Indicate: A\_\_\_\_\_ or B\_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#2 Is the property contaminated by toxic chemicals or radioactive materials?

Indicate: A\_\_\_\_\_ or B\_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#3 Is the property located within a flood hazard area or designated wetland?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_ or B \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#4 Is the property in a location requiring flood insurance protection?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_ or B \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated coverage amount of flood insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate coverage period:

Year in which flood insurance policy is to start: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in which flood insurance policy is to stop: \_\_\_\_\_

#5 Is the property located within an airport runway clear zone at a civil airport or within a clear zone or accident potential zone at a military airfield?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_ or B \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#6 Is the property listed on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places; located within, or adjacent to, a historic district; or is a property whose area of potential effect includes a historic district or property?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_, B \_\_\_\_\_, or C \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#7 Is the property located near hazardous industrial operations handling fuels or chemicals of an explosive or flammable nature?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_, B \_\_\_\_\_, or C \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#8 Is the site noise-impacted?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_ or B \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#9 Is the project consistent with the State's coastal zone management?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_, B \_\_\_\_\_, or C \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#10 Does the project affect a sole source aquifer?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_ or B \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#11 Does the project affect an endangered species?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_ or B \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#12 Does the project affect listed wild and scenic rivers?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_ or B \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#13 Does the project affect prime and unique farmland, or other farmland of statewide or local significance?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_ or B \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#14 Is the project within a "non-attainment" or "maintenance" area and not in conformance with the State Implementation Plan for clean air?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_ or B \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#15 Is the project located in a neighborhood which suffers from adverse human health or environmental conditions?

Indicate: A \_\_\_\_\_ or B \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation:

#16 Does the grantee propose: (i) acquisition of land for development of more than four housing units on any one site or five or more units of housing, where the housing sites are 2,000 feet or less apart; (ii) infrastructure; (iii) new construction other than for residential activities excluded under 50.20(a)(3); (iv) major rehabilitation of existing structures in accordance with 50.20(a)(2) involves any of the following

conditions: (a) in the case of residential buildings, an increase in the unit density of more than 20 percent; (b) changes in land use (from non-residential to residential or from residential to non-residential); or (c) estimated cost of rehabilitation that is 75 percent or more of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation; or (v) any other activity not categorically excluded under 50.20(a)?

Indicate: Yes\_\_\_\_\_ or No\_\_\_\_\_. If the answer is "yes," indicate which of the above activities (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and/or (v) is proposed:\_\_\_\_\_.

Documentation: For compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, report data needed for HUD's preparation of the environmental assessment. Submit data on separate sheets with Appendix B or equivalent. Indicate any potential impacts of the proposed project on the surrounding area as well as the potential impact of the surrounding area on the proposed project. Identify any adverse and beneficial impacts in terms of:

- (1) Unique natural features and areas
- (2) Site suitability, access, and compatibility with surrounding development
- (3) Soil stability, erosion, and drainage
- (4) Hazards and nuisances (both natural and built)
- (5) Water supply/sanitary sewers
- (6) Solid waste disposal
- (7) Schools, parks, recreation, and social services
- (8) Emergency health care, fire and police services
- (9) Commercial/retail and transportation
- (10) Other: (i) project's conformance with the locality's comprehensive plans and zoning; (ii) proposed displacement of residents or structures by the project; and (iii) energy conservation measures proposed for the project.

