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**Tiered Environment Review  
for Activity/Project that is  
Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5  
Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** FY2021CDBG-Fisherman-of-Hope

**HEROS Number:** 900000010144157

**Responsible Entity (RE):** EL PASO, City 1 - 300 N. Campbell El Paso TX, 79901

**State / Local Identifier:**

**RE Preparer:** Jo Ann Vera

**Certifying Officer:** Elda Rodriguez-Hefner

**Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):**

**Point of Contact:**

**Consultant (if applicable):**

**Point of Contact:**

**Project Location:** El Paso, TX

**Additional Location Information:**

District 6 and 7 (within the City of El Paso).

**Direct Comments to:** City of El Paso, Department of Community and Human Development  
801 Texas Ave., 3rd Floor  
El Paso, TX 79901

**Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:**

46th Year 2020-2021 CDBG Entitlement Grant: Fisherman of Hope - Volunteer Housing Rehabilitation Program to provide basic and necessary repairs to rejuvenate and/or rehabilitate the homes of El Paso's low income elderly and/or disabled homeowners. Community Development funds are targeted for 25 homes in District 6 (budget \$ 57,500) and 25 homes in District 7 (budget \$ 57,500). Repairs are made at no cost to the

homeowner with volunteers who do the majority of the work and donations of materials. Repairs consist of minor rehabilitation activities and/or maintenance activities, i.e., lawn care/landscaping clean-up; cleaning, patching and fixing exterior; masonry; building ramps; roof patching/repairs; caulking/weather stripping windows and doors; replacement of windows and doors; patching/painting interior/exterior, installing drywall; cleaning, stripping floors; installation of flooring. Total budget \$115,000.

**Maps, photographs, and other documentation of project location and description:**

[City of El Paso Districting Map.pdf](#)

[Dist 7 2011 to 2015 ACS.pdf](#)

[Dist 6 2011 to 2015 ACS.pdf](#)

[District 7 Area Map.pdf](#)

[District 6 Area Map.pdf](#)

**Approximate size of the project area:** more than 1 square mile

**Length of time covered by this review:** 1 Year

**Maximum number of dwelling units or lots addressed by this tiered review:**

50

**Level of Environmental Review Determination:**

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5: 58.35(a)(3)

**Determination:**

	Extraordinary circumstances exist and this project may result in significant environmental impact. This project requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA); OR
✓	There are no extraordinary circumstances which would require completion of an EA, and this project may remain CEST.

**Approval Documents:**

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**7015.15 certified by Certifying Officer on:**

**7015.16 certified by Authorizing Officer on:**

**Funding Information**

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name
B-20-MC-480015	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) (Entitlement)

**Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:** \$115,000.00

**Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]:** \$115,000.00

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

<b>Compliance Factors:</b> Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5, and §58.6	Was compliance achieved at the broad level of review?	Describe here compliance determinations made at the broad level and source documentation.
<b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 &amp; § 58.6</b>		
Airport Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Coastal Barrier Resources Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	El Paso, Texas is not a coastal city. The nearest coastal barrier is 600 miles away. See Attachment 2.
Flood Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 &amp; § 58.5</b>		
Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Based on project description consisting of "minor" rehabilitation of existing residence there are no activities that require evaluation under the Clean Air Act.
Coastal Zone Management Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	El Paso, Texas is not a coastal city. The nearest coastal zone is 600 miles away. See Attachment 5.
Contamination and Toxic Substances	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Endangered Species Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The project activities will consist of minor repairs to existing owner-occupied single-family homes with no ground disturbance. The project type will have no effect on listed species.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Project activities will consist of minor repairs to existing owner-occupied single-family homes and does not meet the definition of HUD-assisted project for explosive hazards per 24 CFR Part 51.201. Therefore, the explosive hazard regulations do not apply.
Farmlands Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Proposed project does not meet definition of prime and/or unique farmlands. Minor rehabilitation project activities of existing structures are exempt from the FPPA per 7 CFR Part

		658.3. See Attachment 9.
Floodplain Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Project activities will consist of minor repairs/rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied single-family residences and meets the floodplain management exception at 24 CFR Part 55.12 (b)(2).
Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Noise Abatement and Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Sole Source Aquifers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	There is no sole source aquifer in El Paso, Texas. See Attachment 13.
Wetlands Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Based on project description no activities would require further evaluation under this section.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	El Paso, Texas has no designated wild or scenic rivers. These projects are not within proximity of a NWSRS river. See Attachment 15.
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE</b>		
Environmental Justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Projects are single-family residences and no disproportionate environmental impact demonstrated.

**Supporting documentation**

- [Attachment 2 Coastal.pdf](#)
- [Attachment 5 Coastal Zone.pdf](#)
- [Attachment 9 Farmland.pdf](#)
- [Attachment 13 Aquifers.pdf](#)
- [Attachment 15 Wild River.pdf](#)

**Written Strategies**

The following strategies provide the policy, standard, or process to be followed in the site-specific review for each law, authority, and factor that will require completion of a site-specific review.

<b>1</b>	Airport Hazards
	1. Using resource material NEPAAssist Transportation Mapper: *Measure distance from property site to proximity to civilian and/or military airport runway zone. Within 15,000' Military Airport or 2,500' Civilian Airport Runway Zone 2. Determine if project is within RPZ 3. Document project is a minor maintenance/rehabilitation of existing residence. *Activity will not increase density or number of people at site. 4. Map showing site distance from Airport Runway Zone. *If within 2,500' CAP, map or letter stating site not within designation *If within 15,000' MAP, map or letter stating site not within designation 5. Document and map all findings, upload to HEROS.
<b>2</b>	Flood Insurance

	Using FEMA Map Service Center website <a href="http://msc.fema.gov">http://msc.fema.gov</a> 1. Property site is entered and FEMA Map downloaded and designation is documented. 2. If property is not in a flood zone, FEMA map is uploaded to HEROS ERR and documented in ERR. 3. If property is designated, further review and documentation is required. Due to project scope of work, it may be determined infeasible, removed from Rebuilding Together and forwarded to City of El Paso Rehabilitation program.
<b>3</b>	<b>Contamination and Toxic Substances</b>
	1. Perform onsite inspection using Site-Specific Field Contamination Checklist and take pictures. *Document property site be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases. 2. Using reference material NEPAssist EPA Facilities Mapper: *Review databases maintained by U.S. EPA *Map showing site distances from hazardous waste, air pollution, water dischargers, toxic releases, superfund, brownfields, RADInfo and toxic substances control act areas. 3. Collect EPA reports and document any violations. 4. Document any impact/determination/clean-up action to proposed project site. 5. Documentation, maps and reports, upload to HEROS.
<b>4</b>	<b>Historic Preservation</b>
	Per Section 106 review property location, map site and take photos with scope of work; submit with a written request for consultation to THC Texas Historical Commission using eTRAC (electronic THC Review and Compliance) system to determine if property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Should SHPO/THC conclude that subject actions will not affect property eligible for listing, then the Section 106 Review concludes, response from SHPO/THC is uploaded to HEROS ERR and copy placed in file. If structure is determined to be listed/eligible for listing in the National Register, a Determination of Effect will be filed detailing proposed activities to include plans, specs and photos of project.
<b>5</b>	<b>Noise Abatement and Control</b>
	1. Using resource material NEPAssist Mapper: * Measure distance from property site to Airport (within 15 miles) *Measure distance from Railroad (within 3,000ft) *Measure distance from Major Roadways with high vehicular noise levels (within 1,000ft) 2. Document distance by mapping and upload to HEROS. Should any of these measures exceed these limits, note conclusions. 3. Should from property site to Airport fall within 15 miles, contact Airport for noise contour information. 4. Should property site to Railroad fall within 3,000ft., document and use reference material website USDOT: <a href="http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov">http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov</a> for Railroad crossing inventory information. 5. From property site to major roadways fall within 2,000ft, document and use reference material website TXDOT: <a href="http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov">http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov</a> ; gather information on future truck traffic, document. 6. Use HUD Environmental DNL Calculator to evaluate if site falls within normal standards not exceeding 65dB. Document and upload to HEROS ERR. Scope of work for minor rehabilitation project, noise is considered; however, noise attenuation is only encourage as program works with limited funding per project. If feasible, double pane windows and weather stripping/door replacement is used.

**Supporting documentation**

[Site Specific Review Fisherman of Hope BLANK.xlsx](#)

[FIELD CONTAMINATION CHECKLIST R7-2012 \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**APPENDIX A: Site Specific Reviews**

