February 10, 2025

To: Interested Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO’s) Re: 31st Year HOME CHDO – Program Year 2025‐2026

Attached is the application for agencies seeking funds for the 31st Year HOME Community

Housing Development Organization (CHDO).

The HOME program year begins on October 1, 2025, and ends on September 30, 2026. HOME eligible activities must be located within the Lakeland city limits and must meet all applicable U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant requirements. The beneficiaries of the service must be very low to low-income persons and single-family unit for homeownership is preferred.

To confirm your eligibility for the CHDO funds, please submit the attached list of documentation along with your application and CHDO checklist to the address above. The application form is now available online by accessing the City’s website at <https://www.lakelandgov.net/departments/community-economic-development/housing/>.Upon the submission of all documentation, City staff shall certify eligibility as a CHDO developer and determine if your agency will receive funding for the program year 2025‐2026.

Note: The deadline for submission is 5:00 pm on Friday, March 28, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Adena Kniss at 834‐3366 or Michael Smith at 834‐3367.

Enclosed: checklist

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# 2025 ‐ 2026 CHDO Annual Certification and Checklist

Please provide the following information:

1. A completed CHDO checklist with copies of all supporting documentation, a form is enclosed.
2. A list of all board members (name, addresses, and phone numbers.)
3. Designation of how the board complies with the requirements that a minimum of one‐third of the board must consist of representatives of the community being served by the CHDO and a maximum of one‐third of the board may consist of representatives of the public sector.
4. Resumes of the board members.
5. A list of corporate officers (names, addresses, and phone numbers).
6. A resume of all the officers.
7. A list of consortium banks (names, contact person, addresses and phone numbers).
8. A transmittal letter forwarding the above documentation to my office signed by an appropriate officer of your corporation verifying that your organization continues to qualify as a CHDO, and the documentation provided is certified to be true and correct.