***Environmental Review of ESG Program Activities - Exemption Certification***

All federally funded project activities must undergo a review in order to determine whether they have an impact on the physical and built environments. In practice, however, many activities that are commonly funded through the EHH program have no practical effect on the environment. Below are two lists of activities. The first list contains activities that are considered **exempt** from environmental review, because of the fact that they normally have no environmental effects. The second list contains activities that are classified as **categorically excluded**, a term that refers to those activities that may potentially have some impact on the physical and/or built environments. The latter activities must be reviewed by the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources Environmental Review staff before funds can be released, to ensure compliance with all applicable environmental laws, statutes and authorities.

Please review both lists carefully; it is likely that many commonly funded activities are found on the **exempt** list. If so, your environmental review responsibilities are limited to a description of the proposed activities and a signature affirming that these activities are **exempt**.

For **categorically excluded activities**, contact the DOA Environmental Desk ([DOAEnvironmentalDesk@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DOAEnvironmentalDesk@wisconsin.gov)) if the proposed activities are non-exempt Categorically Excluded.  Include a description of the proposed activities and a street address in the email.

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| **Exempt Activities** | **Non-Exempt *Categorically Excluded* Activities that require Environmental Review** |
| **Physical Activities:**  \_\_Security improvements (lights, alarms)  \_\_Interior accessibility improvements  \_\_Code corrections (plumbing, carpentry, and electrical in interiors of buildings)  \_\_Insulation  \_\_Purchase/Installation of furnaces, boilers, and air conditioners, etc.  \_\_The installation of fences  \_\_Grading of surfaces near buildings  \_\_Sidewalk installation or repair  \_\_Repainting  \_\_Parking lot repairs  **Operations Activities:**  \_\_Maintenance activities  \_\_The purchase of items such as cots, tables, chairs & other furnishings  \_\_Operations costs  \_\_Purchase of insurance  \_\_Payment of the WI ServicePoint fees  \_\_Utilities  \_\_Payment of rent  **Service Activities:**  \_\_Purchase of food  \_\_Other essential services  \_\_Other (specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | In general, the following activities require review on buildings 50 years of age or older:  Installation of accessibility ramps  Tuckpointing  Installation of new windows  Installing new siding  Removing decorative trim  Installing new doors  Additions to structures, such as porches or rooms  Demolition of rooms or other structural elements  Removal of chimneys  And  Other changes to the exteriors of buildings  Note: an activity that converts a building from one activity to another (such as converting a garage or storage space into offices or sleeping space), would not be **Categorically Excluded** if the building contains no interior historically significant features (such as chandeliers), and if the exterior appearance is unchanged. |

**Exempt certification:**

I hereby certify that the proposed project of       (agency) consists of **exempt** activities, as defined, and checked above. If all of the activities are exempt, my environmental responsibility is now satisfied under 24 CFR Part 58.35

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