

COMBINED NOTICE

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Notice: May 26, 2023
Name of Responsible Entity: County of Fayette, Pennsylvania
Contact Agency: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania (RACF)
Address: 86 West Main Street
Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401
Telephone: 724-437-1547

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The purpose of this notice is to satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania (RACF) on behalf of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania.

Request for Release of Funds

On or about **June 16, 2023** the County of Fayette will authorize RACF to submit a request to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative Grant Funds under the Appalachian Regional Development Act (ARDA) 40 U.S. Code § 14101–14704, to undertake the following projects:

2023-ARC-ER-EA-01

Fayette County Health Sciences Workforce Development Center

Fayette County Career & Technical Institute (FCCTI) -
175 Georges Fairchance Rd, Uniontown, PA | Georges TWP - Fayette County, PA

ARC Project #:
PW-20861-IM-2022

This project will construct a 6,000sqft Health Sciences Workforce Development Center at the Fayette County Career & Technical Institute (FCCTI) campus in Georges Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. This center will allow the school to enhance their already established Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program by offering additional career training options. Healthcare sector growth is creating a crucial need to expand the facility to keep pace with the health care in the region and will lay the groundwork to jumpstart the workforce by training students for well-paying, high demand careers.

The Registered State Basic Agency (RSBA) for this ARC-funded project shall be the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA-DCED) and funding will be provided through PA-DCED’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The period of performance for this grant-funded project shall be October 1, 2022 through April 1, 2024.

**ARC Funding - \$1,500,000 | Non-ARC Match - \$750,404
TOTAL Proposed Cost - \$2,250,404**

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Finding of No Significant Impact

RACF has determined that this project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania located at 86 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA where the ERR may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm. This location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Every effort will be made to provide the needed materials to all residents, including persons with disabilities and LEP persons, upon request. Please call 724-437-1547 ext. 210 at least 72 hours in advance to request technical assistance.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to RACF (86 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401). All comments received by the end of the day on **June 14, 2023** will be considered by Fayette County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

Environmental Certification / Request for Release of Funds

RACF certifies to DCED that Andrew P. French, in his official capacity as RACF's Executive Director, consents 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. DCED's approval of this certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Fayette and RACF to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and RACF'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 RACF; (b) RACF 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 DCED; 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 Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Building, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0225. Objections may also be submitted electronically to chrhowe@pa.gov. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Andrew P. French, Certifying Officer / Executive Director
Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette

