

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: August 22, 2023
Responsible Entity: Fayette County, PA
Contact Agency: Redevelopment Authority of the
County of Fayette, Pennsylvania (RACF)
86 West Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15401
Telephone: (724) 437-1547

TO: ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS:

On or about **September 12, 2023** the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania (RACF) on behalf of the County of Fayette will submit a request to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project/s:

FY2022-ER-CEST-01

Haydentown Bridge Reconstruction Georges Township - Fayette County, Pennsylvania:

Georges Township will utilize its FY2022 CDBG funds to reconstruct the Haydentown Bridge on Haydentown Hill Road in the Township. The bridge has been deemed structurally deficient due to erosion caused by the creek. Without reconstruction in the near future, the Township would be forced to close the bridge, limiting access to the Haydentown Volunteer Fire Department, life-flight landing pad, Haydentown Community Center and Haydentown Christian Church. These facilities offer essential services and programs to the entire community. The Township will use CDBG funds to reconstruct the bridge. More details regarding the deficiencies and proposed repairs can be found in the ERR.

FY2022 CDBG, C0000TBD - \$94,920

FY2022-ER-CEST-02

Maxwell Area Road Reconstruction Luzerne Township - Fayette County, Pennsylvania:

Luzerne Township will utilize a portion of its FY2022 CDBG funds to reconstruct roads in the Maxwell area of the Township. The roadways are in extremely deteriorated condition, creating hazardous driving conditions for area residents. The Township will use CDBG funds to place a leveling course of asphalt and overlay the surface with 1.5-2" wearing course. The project will reconstruct a total of approximately 6,441 LF of roadway. As part of the project, the Township will use local resources to replace broken and clogged drainage pipes prior to CDBG funds being invested.

FY2022 CDBG, C0000TBD - \$71,756

The above activity/ies proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects are on file at 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 LEP persons, as needed with 4 notice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the RACF (86 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401). All comments received by the end of the day on **September 11, 2023** will be considered by RACF on behalf of the County of Fayette, PA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

RACF on behalf of the County of Fayette, PA certifies to DCED that Andrew P. French, in his official capacity as 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, PA and RACF to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and RACF's certification on behalf of the County of Fayette, PA 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 on behalf of the County of Fayette, PA; (b) RACF on behalf of the County of Fayette, PA 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

