

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: September 29, 2022
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:

On or about **October 12, 2022** the County of Fayette will authorize RACF to 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:

FY2022-ER-CEST-01

Borough-wide Water System Improvement Project Fairchance Borough - Fayette County, Pennsylvania

This project involves two phases of an overall borough-wide water system improvement project in Fairchance Borough - Fayette County, PA. The improvements include the replacement of a total of approximately 8,550 LF of existing waterlines, 39 valves, connections, the installation of 9 fire hydrants, and 16,715 SY in related road restoration. The exact areas include:

- Phase I: 1) Kanawha Street - Pittsburgh Street Area and 2) Kyle Avenue - Farmview Drive Area; and
- Phase II: 1) SR 857 from Green Street/Lyons Ave intersection to Sheldon Avenue, and 2) Sheldon Avenue from SR 857 (Morgantown Rd) to Kyle Avenue.

FY2022 CDBG-CV2 Discretionary Program (C000083139) - \$892,000*

**This funding was awarded for Phase I of the project. Additional funding is pending award of a second CDBG-CV Discretionary application submitted for Phase II earlier this year the amount of \$1,080,000.*

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 offices 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 or TDD#711 at least 72 hours in advance of visit to request technical assistance.

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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 **October 11, 2022** will be considered by RACF on behalf of Fayette County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which activity they are addressing.

Environmental Certification / Request for Release of Funds

RACF on behalf of Fayette Count, 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 and RACF to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

DCED will accept objections to its release of fund 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 (RACF)

