COMBINED NOTICE

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

Date of Notice: January 23, 2018

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 County of Fayette, Pennsylvania by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania (RACF).

Request for Release of Funds

On or about **February 13, 2018** 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) Competitive Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

(2016)2017-ER-EA-COMP-01 FY2015-ER-EA-01 Water System Improvements Project – Pleasant Valley-Rydle Road Area, Bullskin Township - Fayette County, Pennsylvania:

This activity will extend a waterline in the Pleasant Valley - Rydle Road Area of Bullskin Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. The new waterline, which will be owned and serviced by the Pleasant Valley Water Authority, will serve residents that currently must rely on failing wells and springs that provide unreliable and contaminated service. Since even treated water in the homes is not suitable for consumption, residents must also purchase their drinking water or haul it in from other more reliable sources. Additionally, the lack of reliable water service leaves the residents susceptible to fire threats, as there are no hydrants along the project area. This project will install approximately 6,665 LF of waterline which will serve 18 households in order to provide a clean and reliable water source. The primary beneficiaries will be the 18 households located in the Pleasant Valley-Rydle Road Area.

2016 CDBG Competitive Program - \$750,000 FY2015 CDBG Program - \$82,214

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 LEP persons, as needed.

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 **February 12, 2018** will be considered by the 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 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. 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