

COMBINED NOTICE

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

Date of Notice: April 5, 2017
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 **April 25, 2017**, 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:

FY2016-ER-EA-COMP-01 Water System Improvements Project – Braddock-Mudd Pike Road Area, Henry Clay Township - Fayette County, Pennsylvania:

This Mudd Pike-Braddock Road Area waterline in Henry Clay Township, Fayette County, is maintained by the National Pike Water Authority. The project area does not currently have a waterline, and residents must rely on wells, springs, and purchase/delivery water. Further, the water supply from wells and springs is often unreliable, insufficient, and contaminated. The result leaves residents with unimaginable burden daily and financial burden. Additionally, the lack of reliable water leaves the residents susceptible to fire threats, as there are no hydrants along the project area. This project plans to install approximately 16,000 LF of waterline and up to 52 service connections in order to provide a clean, reliable water source to residents of the Mudd Pike-Braddock Road project area. The primary beneficiaries will be the fifty-two (52) households located in the Braddock-Mudd Pike Area.

FY2016 CDBG Competitive Program (2015) - \$750,000

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 **April 24, 2017** 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

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