

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: July 31, 2017
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 **August 11, 2017** the Redevelopment Authority County of Fayette, PA (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, to undertake the following project/s:

FY2017-T-H-ER-CEST-01 Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative – Various Areas, Redstone Township-Wide - Fayette County, Pennsylvania:

This project is for Single Unit Homeowner Rehabilitation associated with the FY2017 HOME Fayette County Redevelopment Authority Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative. This Program assists low to moderate income homeowners through the provision of no-interest loans to make repairs helping to prevent displacement, eliminate blight, and strengthen communities. The Initiative will also provide down-payment, closing cost, and gap-financing assistance to low to moderate income homebuyers purchasing strategically located properties either constructed or redeveloped by the Authority.

FY2017 CDBG C0000TBD - \$500,000.00

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.

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 **August 10, 2017** 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 fund 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. 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