

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: June 24, 2025
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 **July 10, 2025** 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:

FY2024-ER-CEST-01 Short Street Improvements (Collapse)
Dunbar Borough - Fayette County, Pennsylvania:

Fayette County will utilize a portion of its FY2024 CDBG funds to make street improvements along Short Street in Dunbar Borough. The hillside beneath the roadway near the intersection of Woodvale Street and Short Street is eroding rapidly posing the threat of collapsing into Dunbar Creek. The area of collapse is approximately 30 linear feet. A portion of this project (approx 117 LF) is located in a floodplain (Zone AE). The project area is in the heart of the Borough connecting residential areas to the greater community including the Post Office, Fire Department, recreation areas, and commercial businesses. The County will use CDBG funds to reinforce the hillside below Short Street with a soil nail wall system to ensure no collapse of the roadway or pollutants to the nearby waterway - Dunbar Creek.

FY2024 CDBG, C000093669 - \$50,000
Statewide LSA - \$46,084

FY2024-ER-CEST-02 Valley School Road Reconstruction
Nicholson Township - Fayette County, Pennsylvania:

Fayette County will utilize a portion of its FY2024 CDBG funds to reconstruct a portion of Valley School Road in Nicholson Township. Valley School Road is a residential road connecting Smithfield Road and Rt 119 towards Smithfield Borough. The northern portion of the road provides paved access to 2 residences and then terminates at a private drive/dead-end gravel road. This roadway has not been paved in over 20 years. It is severely deteriorated and very narrow, with low lying areas prone to flooding, which creates summer ponding and hazardous icy conditions. A portion of this project (approx 121 LF) is located in a floodplain (Zone AE). The County will use CDBG funds to place a leveling course of asphalt and overlay the surface with 2" wearing course. The project will reconstruct a total of approximately 2,700 LF of roadway. This project will be designed, certified and completed in accordance with standard PennDOT 408 specifications to ensure a minimum of a 7-year useful life. A final 7-year useful life certification will also be obtained following completion of the project in accordance with the plans and specifications. As part of the project, the Township will use local resources to replace broken and clogged drainage pipes and install storm water cross pipes as needed prior to CDBG funds being invested. The Township has a road crew that will perform maintenance, as needed. Funding for maintenance will be provided through the Township's general fund or liquid fuels fund.

FY2024 CDBG, C000093669 - \$50,000

FY2024-ER-CEST-03 Mudd School Road Reconstruction
Bullskin Township - Fayette County, Pennsylvania:

Bullskin Township will utilize a portion of its FY2024 and FY2025 CDBG funds to reconstruct Mudd School Road, which is a main connecting roadway from Rt 982/Pleasant Valley Road to Gimlet Hill Road. The road also provides the main access route into Jacobs Creek Park, which is a County-owned recreational area. This roadway is extremely narrow and severely deteriorated creating hazardous driving conditions. A portion of this project is located in a wetland (approx 1,056 LF). The Township will use CDBG funds to place a leveling course of asphalt and overlay the surface with 2" wearing course. The project will reconstruct a total of approximately 5,808 LF of roadway. This project will be designed, certified and completed in accordance with standard PennDOT 408 specifications to ensure a minimum of a 7-year useful life. A final 7-year useful life certification will also be obtained following completion of the project in accordance with the plans and specifications. As part of the project, the Township will use local resources to replace broken and clogged drainage pipes prior to CDBG funds being invested. The Township has a road crew that will perform maintenance, as needed. Funding for maintenance will be provided through the Township's general fund or liquid fuels fund.

FY2024 CDBG, C000093669 - \$70,297
Future CDBG, C0000TBD - \$81,603

FY2024-ER-CEST-04 Gates Area Road Reconstruction
German Township - Fayette County, Pennsylvania:

German Township will utilize its FY2024-FY2026 CDBG funds to reconstruct roads in the Gates Area, which is a small residential community located north of Masontown Borough on the western-most edge of Fayette County. The roadways in this small community are extremely narrow and severely deteriorated creating hazardous driving conditions. A portion of this project (approx 58 LF) is located in a floodplain (Zone A). The Township will use CDBG funds to place a leveling course of asphalt and overlay the surface with a 2" wearing course. The project will reconstruct a total of approximately 8,839LF of roadway along Mine Hill Road, 1st & 2nd Streets, FA Wander Drive, and Gates Road. This project will be designed, certified and completed in accordance with standard PennDOT 408 specifications to ensure a minimum of a 7-year useful life. A final 7-year useful life certification will also be obtained following completion of the project in accordance with the plans and specifications. As part of the project, the Township will use local resources to replace broken and clogged drainage pipes prior to CDBG funds being invested. The Township has a road crew that will perform maintenance, as needed. Funding for maintenance will be provided through the Township's general fund or liquid fuels fund.

FY2024 CDBG, C000093669 - \$78,492
Future CDBG, C0000TBD - \$162,008

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.

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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 **July 7, 2025** 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*

