

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED
PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

DATE: March 1, 2023

GRANTEE NAME: Mercer County

ADDRESS: c/o Mercer County Regional Planning Commission
2491 Highland Rd., Hermitage, PA 16148

TELEPHONE: 724-981-2412 x 3204

To All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

The purpose of this notice is to identify the following action to be taken by Mercer County.

On or after March 31, 2023, the above named grantee will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds under for the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Housing Rehabilitation (Greenville Town, Grove City Borough and Pine Township)

Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR Part 58.40

Purpose: There is older housing in the town, borough and township that could benefit from a housing rehabilitation program. Such housing may need new mechanical and utility systems, such as heating, plumbing and electric or structural replacements such as roofs, windows, siding, etc. Also, many of the older homes are not insulated, lack storm windows and doors, need proper weather stripping, etc.

Location: Greenville Town, Grove City Borough, Pine Township

Estimated Cost and FY: FY 2021 Greenville Town CDBG cost = \$48,543, FY 2021 Grove City Borough CDBG cost = \$35,000 and FY 2021 Pine Township CDBG cost = \$86,716. Future years' allocations to be determined. This is a multi-year project, with annual allocations toward this activity.

Project/Program Description: The work that will be performed involves improvements that will bring the property into compliance with HUD's Minimum Housing Standards detailed in the PA DCED's Housing Rehabilitation Guidebook. Some common deficiencies that can be addressed are as follows:

- Smoke detectors must be present and strategically located in the structure
- Ingress and egress shall be safe and efficient
- Steps will be repaired to soundness and be provided with hand railings as necessary
- Roofs must be watertight
- Electrical systems must be breaker protected with 100 amp, 3-wire service and fundamentally sound
- Electrical receptacles near running water must be GFCI protected
- Lighting and ventilation must be adequate
- Heating systems must be adequate and safe

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 Broad Review: State Historic Preservation Office, Contaminated and Toxic Substances, Floodplain

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Greenville Town, Pine Township and Grove City Borough will consult with the appropriate regulatory agencies for any required mitigation measures, conditions and permits.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such Request for Release of Funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named grantee has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement are:

- 1) Significant adverse impacts either will not result or have been mitigated by project modifications, and
- 2) The project does not trigger size and density thresholds established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) has been made by Mercer County, which documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This ERR is on file at the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission (2491 Highland Road; Hermitage, PA 16148) and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDINGS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mercer County at the address above. Such written comments should be received on or before March 30, 2023. All such comments so received will be considered by the Mercer County will not request the release of CDBG funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Mercer County will undertake the project described above with the Community Development Block Grant funds from DCED. This notice also certifies to the Commonwealth that Matthew B. McConnell, Certifying Officer, in their capacity as Chairman, Mercer County Board of Commissioners, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Mercer County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections of its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification for a period of eighteen days following its receipt of the request only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer or other Officer of the Grantee approved by DCED; (b) Mercer County 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 PA DCED or (d) that another Federal Agency, acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding to DCED that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Office of Community Development, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by DCED. No objection received after March 31, 2023 will be considered by DCED unless, because of unforeseen delay, the request for release of funds was received after the date at the beginning of this Notice. Since this is possible and would cause a change in the objection period, objectors should contact DCED to verify the date of the last day in the objection period.

Commissioner Matthew B. McConnell
Chairman, Mercer County Board of Commissioners