

**COUNTY OF MERCER
OBO/ TOWN OF GREENVILLE, PA**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
NOTICE INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI-RROF)
FOR A TIER REVIEWED ACTIVITY**

DATE OF POSTING: January 16, 2024

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: County of Mercer

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY ADDRESS: 103 Mercer County Courthouse
Mercer, PA 16137

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY TELEPHONE: 724-662-3800

On or about February 6, 2024, the County of Mercer will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-383), to undertake the following projects/activities.

Titles. The title of the Tier 1 Broad Level Review activity is: Demolition/Clearance

Purposes. The purpose of this Tier 1 Broad Level Review activity is: the removal of slum and blighting conditions.

Locations. The site-specific locations for this activity are to-be-determined, however the service area is town-wide.

Projects/Activities Descriptions, Costs, and Timelines. The description, estimated cost, and timeline of this Tier 1 Broad Level Review activity is: Demolition/Clearance – FY 2022 CDBG funds (\$10,000.00) and a portion of FY 2023, FY 2024, FY 2025 and FY 2026 CDBG funds will be used for the removal of vacant substandard structures and delivery costs. This activity is expected to start in Calendar Year 2024 and will continue until all funds are expended.

Levels of Environmental Review Citation. The level of environmental review for this Tier 1 Broad Level Review project/activity is: Environmental Assessment under 24 CFR Part 58.36.

Tier 2 Site-Specific Environmental Reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 Broad Level Review for this activity, which includes:

- Demolition/Clearance – Contamination and Toxic Substances [24 CFR Part 58.5(i)(2)]; Floodplain Management [Executive Order 11988]; Historic Preservation [National Historic Preservation Act]; and Wetlands Protection [Executive Order 11990].

Mitigation Measures, Conditions, and/or Permits. The application for and issuance of all requisite town demolition and related permits; testing for and mitigation of toxic and hazardous substances, as required; structures proposed for demolition/clearance that are located in a Special Hazard Area (100-year

floodplain) will be subject to the Eight-Step Decision Making Process set forth in 24 CFR 55.20; and, consultation with the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer (PA SHPO) as set forth under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA).

The project Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project/activity is on file at the County of Mercer, 103 Mercer County Court House, Mercer, PA 16137. This project information is available for public examination and copying, upon request, during normal office business hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments concerning this ERR to the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission by mail to: ATTN: Mr. Chris Conti, Senior Planner, 2491 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA 16148; or, by email to cconti@mcrpc.com. All comments received by Monday, February 5, 2024 will be considered by the County of Mercer prior to authorizing submittal of a request for release of funds to PA DCED.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Mercer certifies to PA DCED that Ann Coleman, in her capacity as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, 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 these responsibilities have been satisfied. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Mercer to use CDBG program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

PA DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Mercer's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 County of Mercer; (b) the County of Mercer has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations found in 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the County of Mercer 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) 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, Section 58.76) by email to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA-DCED) at chrhowe@pa.gov or by calling (717) 720-7406. Potential objectors should contact PA-DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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