

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

Date: July 20, 2010
Grantee Name: Erie County
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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate, but related, notification requirements for the below listed projects to be undertaken by the County of Erie.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 10, 2010, the County of Erie will request that the PA Department of Community Economic Development (DCED) release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the following projects:

Project Title: Union City Municipal Authority First Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project- Phase II

Project Number: (S-10-E-16-6-1 [A])

Project Description: Replacement of approximately 350 feet of sanitary sewer line along First Avenue, between South Street and the northern end of First Avenue, in the Union City Borough. The project will compliment the FY 2008 CDBG funded project (Phase I) which was completed in 2009 and consisted of the replacement of 494 feet of sanitary sewer line along First Avenue. The larger diameter sewer line provided through both phases will eliminate a "bottleneck" condition in the system, improve sewage flows and reduce inflow and infiltration.

Funding: \$89,000 / Multi-year CDBG funds

Project Title: Lake City Borough Dunn Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project – Phase I

Project Number: (S-10-E-16-6-1 [B])

Project Description: Replacement of 500 feet of 8-inch diameter clay pipe with new 8-inch diameter PVC pipe and appurtenances along Dunn Avenue, from Maple Street, 500 feet towards Lake Street, in Lake City Borough. The project represents Phase I of a two phase project. The second phase will involve replacing the remaining 425 feet of sewer line on Dunn Avenue when funds become available. The project will provide adequate sewage flows thereby reducing the risk of sewer backups into area homes and reduce inflow and infiltration into the sewer system which will help decrease treatment facility operating costs.

Funding: \$100,000 / Multi-year CDBG funds

Project Title: Wattsburg Borough Water Quality Improvement Project

Project Number: (S-10-E-16-6-1 [C])

Project Description: The Borough of Wattsburg constructed a public water distribution system in 2003. Since completion of the system, issues with finished water quality have developed including concentrations of arsenic above EPA recommended standards, and high water age, resulting in poor water taste, odor and discoloration. The arsenic problem was resolved in 2008 with the installation of ion exchange centralized equipment which was purchased with multi-year residual CDBG monies. The high water age problem is to be resolved by providing for the installation of a potable water mixer in the water storage tower.

Funding: \$27,200 / Multi-year CDBG funds

Project Title: Waterford Borough Handicapped Accessible Curb-Cut Ramps Project

Project Number: (S-10-E-16-6-1 [D])

Project Description: Construction of approximately twenty (20) handicapped accessible curb-cut ramps along High Street, from 1st Street to 4th Street, in Waterford Borough. Title II of the ADA requires state and local governments to make pedestrian crossings accessible to people with disabilities by providing curb ramps.

Funding: \$70,000 / Multi-year CDBG funds

Project Title: Wesleyville Borough Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Project

Project Number: (S-10-E-16-6-1 [E])

Project Description: Rehabilitation of substandard, single family, owner-occupied housing units in Wesleyville Borough for compliance with HUD Section 8 Housing Quality Standards. The project will provide LMI homeowners with safe, decent, sanitary and affordable housing conditions as well as contribute to the improvement of the community's overall housing stock.

Funding: \$70,000 / Multi-year CDBG funds

Project Title: Girard Township Gloskey Road Culvert Replacement Project

Project Number: (S-10-E-33-6-5)

Project Description: Removal of the 19 lineal foot, 7'x7' concrete culvert which carries Gloskey Road over Crooked Creek in Girard Township and replacing it with a 36 lineal foot, 12'x 6' pre-cast reinforced concrete box culvert. The existing culvert waterway opening is hydraulically undersized resulting in flooding conditions during heavy rains. These flooding conditions have caused the culvert and the section of road above it to become deteriorated presenting safety concerns for area residents. The new larger culvert will mitigate these flooding conditions.

Funding: \$110,895 / Multi-year CDBG funds

Project Title: McKean Township Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Project

Project Number: (S-10-E-34-6-5)

Project Description: Rehabilitation of substandard, single family, owner-occupied housing units in McKean Township for compliance with HUD Section 8 Housing Quality Standards. The project will provide LMI homeowners with safe, decent, sanitary and affordable housing conditions as well as contribute to the improvement of the community's overall housing stock.

Funding: \$105,996 / Multi-year CDBG funds

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Erie has determined that the projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Project information is contained in Environmental Review Records (ERR) established for each project which are on file at the Erie County Department of Planning and which are available for public review and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on any of the projects may submit written comments to the Erie County Department of Planning. Comments received by August 9, 2010 will be considered by the County of Erie prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which project and which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The County of Erie certifies to the PA DCED that Barry Grossman, in his capacity as County Executive, 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. PA DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the County of Erie to use CDBG funds for the above-identified projects.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The PA DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County's certification for a period of eighteen (18) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are based on the following: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Erie; (b) the 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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 procedure (24 CFR, Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Building, Office of Community Development, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact the PA DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Barry Grossman, County Executive
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