

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

Date: January 12, 2012
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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 February 1, 2012, 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: Cranesville Borough Bowman Avenue Water Line Replacement Project

Project Number: (S-11-E-16-6-1 [A])

Project Description: Replacement of approximately 1,600 feet of 6-inch diameter cast iron/asbestos cement water line with a new 6-inch diameter ductile iron or PVC line and appurtenances along Bowman Avenue, from John Williams Avenue to Meadville Street (Pa Route 18), in Cranesville Borough. The project needs to be undertaken for the following reasons: 1) sections of the pipe are severely corroded affecting both water quality and quantity, 2) the Borough's system is experiencing water loss and there is a good possibility that the leak is in the Bowman Avenue line as this is one of only two remaining lines needing to be replaced, and 3) AC pipe is no longer acceptable pipe material due to the carcinogenic nature of asbestos.

(Note: Very minimal disturbance will be required that will involve asbestos removal. This work will include approximately 4 cuts in the existing waterline to insert tee's to connect the new waterline. Each piece will consist of approximately 3 feet of asbestos 6-inch diameter waterline and the cuts will be performed in an outside environment, with each cut taking approximately 30 seconds to complete. It shall be the contactors responsibility to insure safety and performance of his workers and to conform to the requirements of the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants as enforced by PaDEP air quality program).

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

Project Title: Wesleyville Borough Willow Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

Project Number: (S-11-E-16-6-1 [C])

Project Description: Replacement of approximately 750 feet of 6-inch diameter sanitary sewer line with 8-inch diameter PVC pipe and appurtenances along Willow Street, from Buffalo Road (U.S. Route 20) to Freemont Street, in Wesleyville Borough. The existing line is old, severely deteriorated and undersized for the area and needs to be replaced to provide adequate sewage capacity and reduce the potential of sewage backups into area homes.

Funding: \$78,843 / 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 January 31, 2012 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. The 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.

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