

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE	January 17, 2012
GRANTEE NAME	Erie County and Erie County "on behalf of" McKean Township
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about February 7, 2012, the County of Erie will submit a request to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to undertake the following projects:

Lawrence Park Township Bell Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

Project Number: (S-11/12-E-16-6-1 [D])

Multi-year CDBG funds approximating \$65,000 will provide for the replacement of a section of sanitary sewer line along Bell Street, from Rankine Avenue to Priestly Avenue, in Lawrence Park Township. The existing line is an 8-inch diameter vitrified clay pipe measuring approximately 235 feet in length. Previous maintenance activities indicate that many of the joints in this line are offset and/or cracked, shattered or collapsed. The mortared joints of the brick manholes are severely deteriorated from root growth/penetration. The steps inside the manholes are unsafe or missing. Repairs to these facilities are no longer feasible. Total removal and replacement of the line and manholes is necessary to provide adequate sewage capacity and to reduce the possibility of sewage backups into area homes. Proposed work activities would involve the replacement of 235 feet of 8-inch diameter vitrified clay pipe with 8-inch diameter PVC sanitary sewer pipe and appurtenances consisting of 2 sanitary sewer manholes, sewer laterals and asphalt road restoration.

McKean Township Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Project

Project Number: (S-11-E-34-6-5)

Multi-year CDBG funds approximating \$80,000 will provide for the rehabilitation of a minimum of three (3) substandard, single family, LMI owner occupied homes in McKean Township to make them safe, decent, sanitary and energy efficient in accordance with HUD Section 8 Housing Quality Standards. The location of the homes to be rehabilitated is community-wide.

It has been determined that the proposed projects are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) for each project which documents the environmental determination is on file and available for review at the Erie County Department of Planning (ECDP), weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may provide written and/or oral comments on the ERRs to the Erie County Department of Planning at the above listed address and phone number. All comments received by February 6, 2012 will be considered by the ECDP prior to authorizing the submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

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. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Erie County to use CDBG Program funds as stated above.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will consider objections to its release of funds and Erie 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 on one of the following:

- The certification was not, in fact, executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of Erie County approved by the DCED; or
- The County omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- The County committed funds or incurred cost not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DCED; or
- Another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with required procedures (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to:

Department of Community and Economic Development
Center for Community Building
Office of Community Development, 4th Floor
Commonwealth Keystone Building
Harrisburg, PA 1712-0025

Potential objectors should contact the PA DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Barry Grossman
Erie County Executive