



Venango County Regional Planning Commission

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: September 17, 2021
Grantee Name: County of Venango

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

This notice shall satisfy the procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the County of Venango.

On or about October 5th in 2021, the above-named Grantee will request that the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) release funds for the Community Development Block Grant under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) in the amount of **\$30,371** to undertake a project known as the **Venango County LMI Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program** for the purpose of performing rehabilitation on a case by case basis for owner-occupied homes in the Venango County area. The County plans to initiate this program in order to promote the health and safety of the its citizens as well as mitigate blight and reduce its impact on the future value of housing stock. Anticipated activities included in this project are limited to rehabilitation when the facilities and improvements are in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity of more than 20 percent. The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An environmental review record (ERR) which documents the Environmental Review of these projects has been made available by the Grantee. The ERR is on file at the Venango County Regional Planning Commission, 1168 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA 16323, and is available for public examination and copying upon request. The ERR can also be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to 1168 Liberty Street, PO Box 831, Franklin, PA 16323 or by email to ashreffler@co.venango.pa.us. The ERR can be accessed online at the following websites: <https://www.co.venango.pa.us/693/Environmental-Review-Postings>.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON FINDINGS

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Grantee to the Venango County Regional Planning Commission, 1168 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA 16323. Such written comments must be received **on or before October 4, 2021**. Comments shall specify which part of the notice they are addressing. All such comments so received will be considered and the Grantee will not request the release of SCP funds or take any administrative action on the above-named projects prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Venango also certifies to DCED that Michael C. Delaney, County Commissioner, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to Environmental Reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities, and allows Venango County to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds for Venango County's certification for a period of fifteen 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 Venango County; (b) Venango 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 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, Sec.58.76) and shall be addressed to Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Building, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg PA 17120-0225 or emailed to Christine Howe at chrhowe@pa.gov. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer: Michael C. Dulaney, Venango County Commissioner

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