



**BROAD-LEVEL TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
 FOR ACTIVITY/PROJECT THAT IS  
 CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED SUBJECT TO SECTION 58.5  
 Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** Venango County LMI Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation  
**Responsible Entity:** County of Venango  
**Grant Recipient:**  
(if different than Responsible Entity)  
**State/Local Identifier:** Pennsylvania  
**Preparer:** Alexandria Shreffler  
**Certifying Officer Name and Title:** Michael C. Dulaney, Venango County Commissioner  
**Consultant:** (if applicable)  
**Direct Comments to:** Alexandria Shreffler  
**Project Location:** Venango County  
**Additional Location Information:** Scattered locations throughout the county  
**Approximate size of the project area:** 683 square miles  
**Length of time covered by this review:** 3 years

**Description of the Proposed Project** [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

The County of Venango proposes a housing rehabilitation initiative in the FY2020 contract. Due to economic downturn conditions in the region and an aging population on fixed incomes, many residents are struggling to perform basic necessary maintenance to their homes. Venango County is requesting the use of CDBG funds to initiate a housing rehabilitation program for eligible LMI homeowners. The County plans to initiate this program in order to address mitigate blight and reduce its impact on the future value of housing stock. This activity will follow DCED's Housing Rehabilitation Guidebook.

**Maximum number of dwelling units or lots addressed by this tiered review:**

The maximum number of dwelling units will be determined as homeowners are qualified for rehabilitation. There is not currently a maximum set; the ability to rehabilitate as many units as possible with the funds available will vary based on the severity of each project. The County anticipates conducting one or two home rehab projects with the proposed funding amount. The County estimates approximately \$15,000-20,000 per project, on average. The list of locations will be updated in Appendix A.

**Level of Environmental Review Determination:**

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5

**Funding Information**

Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount
C000076573	CDBG 2020 County Entitlement	\$236,994

**Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:** \$30,371

**Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]:** \$30,371

## Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities and Written Strategies

<b>Compliance Factors:</b> Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6	Was compliance achieved at the broad level of review?	<b>If Yes:</b> Describe compliance determinations made at the broad level. <b>If No:</b> Describe the policy, standard, or process to be followed in the site-specific review.
<b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 &amp; 58.6</b>		
<b>Airport Hazards</b> 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes    No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Since Venango County has a local airport, site specific review will be required to determine compliance. <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>
<b>Coastal Barrier Resources</b> Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	This broad-level project is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act because Venango County is in a state (Pennsylvania) that does not include any Coastal Barrier Resources (see Appendix B).
<b>Flood Insurance</b> Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	Yes    No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Because there are waterways within the county, each location will need to be reviewed within the FEMA Flood Map Service Center. <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>
<b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §58.5</b>		
<b>Clean Air</b> Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93	Yes    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	This project does not constitute a significant new source of air pollution as there will be no new construction or conversion of land use for public, commercial, industrial facilities or five or more residential units.
<b>Coastal Zone Management</b> Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	Yes    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Venango County is 38 miles from the nearest coast, Lake Erie. Refer to Appendix B.
<b>Contamination and Toxic Substances</b> 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]	Yes    No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Threshold: It is HUD policy, as described in 50.3(i), that “(1)...all property proposed for use in HUD programs be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gasses, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property...” Sites known or suspected to be contaminated by toxic chemicals or radioactive materials include but are not limited to sites: i) listed on an EPA Superfund National Priorities or CERCLA List, or equivalent State list; (ii) located within 3,000 feet of a toxic or solid waste landfill site; or (iii) with an underground storage tank. <u>Each site within 3,000 feet will be evaluated and the results shown in Tier 2 of this review.</u> <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>
<b>Endangered Species</b> Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	Yes    No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Since some areas of Venango County include potentially sensitive habitats, site specific review will be required to determine compliance. <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>
<b>Explosive and Flammable Hazards</b> 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed activities do not trigger this HUD regulation because the rehabilitation will not increase residential densities or convert the property to residential. Refer to 24 CFR 51.201, definition of “HUD-Assisted Project”.
<b>Farmlands Protection</b> Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	Yes    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Some areas within the County are dedicated to agricultural use, however no activity associated with this project will change the designated land-use.

<b>Floodplain Management</b> Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Because there are waterways within the county, each location will need to be reviewed within the FEMA Flood Map Service Center. <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>
<b>Historic Preservation</b> National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Venango County has locations listed on the National Register of Historic Places (Refer to Appendix H). The DCED Historic Preservation Specialist will be consulted regarding whether the proposed individual project will have “no effect on historic properties” or requires further consultation with the PA State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>
<b>Noise Abatement and Control</b> Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Some locations may require consideration of this HUD regulation. Refer to 24 CFR 51.101(a)(2). <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>
<b>Sole Source Aquifers</b> Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149	Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	There are no U.S. EPA Designated Sole Source Aquifers in Venango County. Refer to Appendix C.
<b>Wetlands Protection</b> Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	The Program activities do not propose new construction. Therefore the Order does not apply, according to Section 2 of E.O. 11990.
<b>Wild and Scenic Rivers</b> Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is one river listed on the Nationwide River Inventory (NRI) list of Wild and Scenic Rivers in Venango County. Refer to Appendix C. <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>
<b>Environmental Justice</b> Executive Order 12898	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed activities are compatible with the surrounding land uses. There are a few areas within Venango County recognized as Environmental Justice Areas. Refer to Appendix D. <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>

**Determination:**

- Extraordinary circumstances exist and this project may result in significant environmental impact. This project requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA); OR
- There are no extraordinary circumstances which would require completion of an EA, and this project may remain CEST.

Preparer Signature:  Date: 9/17/2021

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Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature:  Date: 9.16.21

Name/Title: Michael C. Dulaney, Venango County Commissioner

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

**This document represents the Tier 1 or Broad-Level review *only*. As individual sites are selected, this review must be supplemented by individual Tier 2 or Site-Specific reviews for each site. All laws and authorities requiring site-specific analysis will be addressed in these individual reviews.**

