

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

12/29/2020

Allen County Board of Commissioners
204 Main Street, Suite 301
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To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Allen County Board of Commissioners.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about, but not before January 15, 2021 the Allen County Board of Commissioners will submit a request to the State of Ohio for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following project(s):

Project Name: Village of Harrod Water Line Extension

Source of Federal Funds: Community Development Block Grant Residential Public Infrastructure Funds, Ohio Public Works Commission, USDA Rural Development and Allen County Revolving Loan Fund.

Project Description: The overall project involves the extension of water service from the Allen Water District's existing 12-inch water supply in Westminster to the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette, known as the East Regional Water Line Project. The 12-inch line main will extend east on Kartina Road, south on Cardinal Drive, east on Faulkner Road, north on Johnston Road and west on Harrod Road into the Village of Harrod. From Harrod the 12-inch water line main will extend northwest along Napoleon Road into the Village of Lafayette. Within the Village of Harrod, the proposed project will consist of the construction of approximately 13,042 linear feet of 8-inch PVC waterline; 4,636 linear feet of 12-inch PVC waterline, hydrants, valves, residential connections, etc. The overall project, also includes a 200,000 gallon water standpipe proposed to be constructed south of the Village of Lafayette, along Napoleon Road and north of SR 309.

Location: Village of Harrod, Allen County, Ohio. Single year Project with total estimated cost of project: \$2,707,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Allen County Board of Commissioners has determined that the project 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. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) which is available for review on the Allen County website at www.allencountyohio.com or on the Allen Water District Website at www.allenwaterdistrict.com. The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Allen County Commissioners, 204 Main Street, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio 45801 or by email at commissioners@allencountyohio.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Allen County Board of Commissioners by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before January 15, 2021 will be considered by the Allen County Board of Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Allen County Board of Commissioners certifies to the State of Ohio that Cory Noonan in his capacity as President of County Commissioners 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 State of Ohio's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Allen County Board of Commissioners to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and the Allen County Board of Commissioners 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 the Allen County Board of Commissioners; (b) the Allen County Board of Commissioners 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 the State of Ohio; 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 Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development at OCD@development.ohio.gov. Potential objectors should contact the State of Ohio to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Cory Noonan, President Board of Commissioners