

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 22, 2024

Allen County Board of Commissioners
204 N. Main St, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio 45801
419-228-3700, extension 8725

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

On or about, but not before, May 30, 2024, the Allen County Board of Commissioners, Allen County, Ohio 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):

Village of Harrod, Ohio Street Improvements
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Walnut Street and Main Street Improvements
Program Year 2022 Allocation Grant
Village of Harrod, Allen County, Ohio
\$175,000

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for the project is on file at the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, 130 W. North St., Lima, OH 45801 or by email to rphillips@lacrpc.com

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before May 31, 2024, will be considered by the Allen County Board of Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Allen County Board of Commissioners, Allen County, Ohio certifies to the State of Ohio that Beth Seibert in her capacity as the President of the 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, Allen County, Ohio 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 Department of Development, 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.

Beth Seibert, President
Allen County Board of Commissioners, Allen County, Ohio