

ADVERTISE: 9-3-2020

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

Date Published: September 3, 2020
Responsible Entity: County of Lawrence
430 Court Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Contact: Lawrence County Department of Planning at 724-656-2193

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 22, 2020, the County of Lawrence will submit a request to the PA Department of Community & Economic Development for the release of their Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds under Act 179 of 1984, as amended, to undertake a project known as Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation located throughout the County and additional funds being targeted in Shenango and Union Townships for their specific entitlements for the purpose of funding an estimated 35 structures to be brought up to current construction codes and safe standards included in the County Housing Rehabilitation Manual. None of these projects will include new construction within Lawrence County.

Project Activity:

Countywide Housing Rehabilitation- CDBG Multi- year FFY 2017, FFY2018 and FFY2019
Contract # C000069659, #C000071792, #C000073792
Shenango Township Housing Rehabilitation- CDBG FFY2018 and FFY2019
Contract #C000071792 and #C000073792
Union Township Housing Rehabilitation- CDBG FFY 2018 and FFY2019
Contract #C000071792 and #C000073792

FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Lawrence 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) on file at Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101., Amy McKinney, Director at amckinney@co.lawrence.pa.us. All comments received by September 21, 2020 will be considered by the County of Lawrence prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development certifies to DCED that, Morgan Boyd, in his capacity as Chairman of County Commissioner's 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 law and authorities and allows the County of Lawrence to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Lawrence's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request only if they are on one the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Lawrence; (b) County of Lawrence 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, or 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 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 DCED at Office of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120 or email chrhowe@pa.gov for CDBG related projects. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Morgan Boyd, Certifying Officer, Chairman, Lawrence County Commissioners*

Location of Posting: 9/3/2020 Lawrence County Courthouse, Ellwood City Borough, Shenango and Union Townships, Lawrence County Community Action Partnership