

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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| <b>DATE</b>         | March 16, 2015  |
| <b>GRANTEE NAME</b> | Erie County "On Behalf Of" North East Borough   |
| <b>ADDRESS</b>      | Erie County Department of Planning, Room 111<br>Erie County Courthouse<br>140 West 6 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Erie, PA 16501 |
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### **TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

On or about April 7, 2015 the County of Erie "on behalf of" North East Borough will submit a request to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

**Project Name:** North East Borough Handicapped Accessible Curb-Cut Ramps Project

**Project Number:** (S-14-E-32-6-3 [B])

**Project Description/Location/Purpose:** The project will provide for the installation of approximately 20 handicapped accessible curb-cut ramps at 13 corners along East Division Street in North East Borough, Erie County, PA. The common curb is one of the most encountered barriers impeding the daily movement of physically disabled and elderly persons. Title II of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires state and local governments to make pedestrian crossings accessible to people with disabilities by providing curb ramps. Without these ramps sidewalk travel and street crossing can be difficult, dangerous and in some cases impossible for people who use wheelchairs, scooters, and other mobility aids.

**Funding Source/Amount:** Multi-year CDBG / \$45,000 (+/-)

The project is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and it will have no adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) which documents the environmental determination is on file and available for review at the Erie County Department of Planning, weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may provide written and/or oral comments on the ERR to the Erie County Department of Planning at the above listed address and phone number. All comments received by April 6, 2015 will be considered by the ECDP prior to authorizing the submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The County of Erie certifies to the PA DCED that Kathy Dahlkemper, in her capacity as County Executive, 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 PA DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the County of Erie to use CDBG funds for the above-identified project

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The PA DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County's certification for a period of eighteen (18) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are based on the following:

- The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Erie;
- The County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- The grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DCED; or
- Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the projects are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Building, Office of Community Development, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact the PA DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kathy Dahlkemper  
County Executive