

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE	February 10, 2014
GRANTEE NAME	Erie County On Behalf of Girard Township, McKean Township and North East Borough
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about March 4, 2014, the County of Erie will submit a request to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to undertake the following projects:

Girard Township Cole Spring Road Reconstruction Project

Project Number: (S-12-E-33-6-5 [C]) and (S-13-E-33-6-5)

Multi-year CDBG funds approximating \$145,000, will provide for the reconstruction of Cole Spring Road in Girard Township, Erie County PA. Cole Spring is an 18-foot wide blacktopped road which extends from the Cole Spring Road Culvert to South Creek Road a distance of approximately 0.73 miles. The road is in poor condition with numerous cracks, grade depressions, pot holes, and raveling making travel hazardous for area residents. Improvements to Cole Spring Road will be undertaken utilizing the full-depth reclamation (FDR) process. This process rebuilds the worn out asphalt pavement by recycling the existing roadway. The old asphalt and base materials are pulverized, mixed with cement and water, and compacted to produce a strong durable base on which is then placed a new bituminous surface to complete the road. Specifically, project work activities will consist of reclamation to a depth of 8-inches with the addition of portland cement creating a new stabilized base followed by placement of a double bituminous seal coat to be followed one year later with placement of a single bituminous seal coat. The improvements will maintain the life of Cole Spring Road for another 10 -14 years.

McKean Township Wagner Road Rehabilitation Project

Project Number: (S-13-E-34-6-5)

Multi-year CDBG funds approximating \$75,000 will provide for the rehabilitation of Wagner Road in McKean Township, Erie County PA. Wagner is a blacktopped road which extends from Bargain Road to its terminus a distance of approximately 0.33 miles. The roadway is 18 feet wide with 2 foot wide shoulders on either side. The condition of the road is currently fair but deterioration is occurring consisting of cracking, grade depression, potholes and raveling. Rehabilitation work is needed to prevent the road from turning to a poor condition which would pose safety hazards for area residents. To forestall continued deterioration of Wagner Road the following improvements will be undertaken: 1) Apply a 2-inch thick Superpave Binder Course to existing surface, 2) Apply a 1 ½ inch thick Superpave Wearing Course to existing surface, and 3) Apply MC-70 Prime Coat to road shoulders. It is anticipated that the proposed improvements will maintain the life of Wagner Road for another 7 years.

North East Borough Handicapped Accessible Curb Cut Ramps Project

Project Number: (S-13-E-32-6-3)

Multi-year CDBG funds approximating \$35,000 will provide for the construction of approximately 25 handicapped accessible curb cut ramps at selected intersections in North East Borough, Erie County PA. The project will be a continuing effort on the part of Borough officials make street crossings accessible to the elderly and persons with disabilities and to comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

It has been determined that the proposed projects are category excluded under HUD regulations at 24CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. It has also been determined that the proposed projects will have no adverse impact on the environment. The Environmental Review Records (ERR) which documents the environmental determination for the projects are on file and available for review at the Erie County Department of Planning (ECDP), 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's to the Erie County Department of Planning at the above listed address and phone number. All comments received by March 3, 2014 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. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Erie County to use CDBG Program funds as stated above.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will consider objections to its release of funds and Erie 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 on one of the following:

- The certification was not, in fact, executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of Erie County approved by the DCED; or
- The County omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- The County committed funds or incurred cost 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 submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Potential objectors should contact the PA DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with required procedures (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to:

Department of Community and Economic Development
Center for Community Building
Office of Community Development, 4th Floor
Commonwealth Keystone Building
Harrisburg, PA 1712-0025

Kathy Dahlkemper
Erie County Executive