

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

<b>DATE</b>	February 27, 2014
<b>GRANTEE NAME</b>	Erie County
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### TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about March 19, 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 project:

### Wesleyville Borough Willow Street Neighborhood Improvement Project

#### Project Number: (S-13-E-16-6-1 [C])

Multi-year CDBG funds approximating \$80,000 plus local monies will provide for the replacement of sidewalks along both sides of Willow Street from Buffalo Road to Freemont Street and the installation of eight (8) curb-cut ramps at three (3) corners along Willow Street in Wesleyville Borough.

Replacement of the existing deteriorated sidewalks with new concrete sidewalks will provide a more uniform and safe pedestrian route, and the installation of new curb-cut ramps will make street crossing accessible for people with disabilities.

It has been determined that the proposed project is a *categorically excluded* activity under HUD regulations at 24CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. It has also been determined that the proposed project will have no adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) which documents the environmental determination for the project is 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 to the Erie County Department of Planning at the above listed address and phone number. All comments received by March 18, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
Harrisburg, PA 1712-0025

Kathy Dahlkemper  
Erie County Executive