

**CONCURRENT NOTICE TO PUBLIC  
OF  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT  
AND  
INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date:	February 18, 2014
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 11, 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 under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

**Project Name:** Union City Municipal Authority South Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

**Project Number:** (S-13-E-16-6-1 [A])

**Project Description/Location:** The project will involve the replacement of approximately 275 feet of 10-inch diameter clay sewer pipe with 18-inch diameter PVC pipe along South Street, from the intersection with First Avenue, west, towards the intersection of Second Avenue in Union City Borough, Erie County PA. Project work activities will also include the reconnecting of service laterals and the installation of a new 4-foot diameter manhole.

**Project Purpose:** The existing 10-inch diameter sanitary sewer main along South Street is old and undersized for the area and needs to be replaced with a larger diameter pipe. Approximately 25-30% of Union City's sewage moves through this sewer main on its way to the sewage plant. A smoke and dye test of the sanitary sewer system undertaken as part of a Corrective Action Plan with the Department of Environmental Protection identified this section of South Street as one of several areas contributing to excessive inflow and infiltration.

**Project Cost/Funding:** \$78,000 (+/-) Multi-year CDBG funding

**Project Name:** North East Township North Mill Street Water Line Replacement Project

**Project Number:** (S-13-E-16-6-1 [B])

**Project Description/Location:** The project will consist of the replacement of approximately 1,900 feet of water line along a section of North Mill Street in North East Township. The existing 4-inch diameter water line, extending from the intersection of North Mill Street and Bank Street 1,000 feet north along North Mill Street, will be replaced with a new 8-inch diameter ductile iron water line. An additional 900 feet of 1 ½ inch diameter galvanized water line extending from North Mill Street west along private property will be replaced with a new 6-inch diameter ductile iron pipe.

**Project Purpose:** The existing water lines along sections of North Mill Street in North East Township are deteriorated and undersized for the area resulting in line failures with associated loss of service to

customers and loss of water purchased by the Township from North East Borough. The existing lines need to be replaced with larger diameter water lines more suitable for the current service area.

**Project Cost/Funding:** \$70,000 (+/-) Multi-year CDBG funding (Note: CDBG funds will pay for materials. The lines will be installed by Water Authority personnel)

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The County of Erie has determined *that the projects will have no significant impact on the human environment* and, therefore, Environmental Impact Statements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) are not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Records (ERR's) which are on file at the Erie County Department of Planning and which are available for public review and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on either project may submit written comments to the Erie County Department of Planning. All comments received by close of business day March 10, 2014 will be considered by the County of Erie prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which project and which Notice they are addressing.

### **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 projects.

### **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.
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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

