

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice	February 2, 2017
Name of Responsible Entity [RE]:	County of Erie "On Behalf Of" North East Borough
Address	c/o Erie County Department of Planning 150 East Front Street, Suite 300 Erie, PA 16507 Attn: Joseph T. Berdis
Telephone Number of RE:	(814) 451-7730

On or about February 22, 2017 the County of Erie "On Behalf Of" North East Borough will submit a request to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (PA 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 Lincoln Street Sidewalk & Curb Replacement Project

**Project Number:** (S-15-E-32-6-3)

**Project Description:** Multi-year CDBG funds will provide for the replacement of sidewalks and curbs along both sides of Lincoln Street from South Mill Street to Robinson Street in North East Borough. Project work activities will include: 1) removal of existing sidewalk and replacement with concrete sidewalk of 4 and 6 inch thickness; 2) installation of concrete cast-in-place curbs, including construction of concrete driveway aprons where necessary; and 3) construction of handicapped accessible curb-cut ramps at pedestrian crossings where no ramps currently exist.

**Purpose of Project:** The purpose of the project is to replace deteriorated sidewalks and curbs along Lincoln Street which pose safety hazards for pedestrians and which give the neighborhood a blighted appearance.

**Funding:** Multi-Year CDBG Funds: \$75,589 (FY 2015) + \$76,826 (FY 2016) + \$50,000 +/- (FY 2017) = \$200,000 (+/-).

The proposed project is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this project is on file at the Erie County Department of Planning where the ERR is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Erie County Department of Planning. All comments received by February 21, 2017 will be considered by the County of Erie "On Behalf Of" North East Borough prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The County of Erie "On Behalf Of" North East Borough 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 the County of Erie "On Behalf Of" North East Borough to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The PA DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Erie'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 bases:

- (a) The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Erie;
- (b) The County 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, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the PA DCED; or
- (d) Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 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 the PA 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 at (717) 720-7350 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kathy Dahlkemper  
County Executive