

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice	March 13, 2017
Name of Responsible Entity [RE]:	County of Erie
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On or about April 6, 2017 the County of Erie 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: Union City Municipal Authority (UCMA) Second Avenue /Main Street Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Project Number: (S-15-E-16-6-1[C])

Project Description: The project will provide for the rehabilitation of approximately 1,575 feet of 12-inch diameter clay sanitary sewer line along sections of Second Avenue and Main Street in Union City Borough. Unlike the traditional method of unearthing and replacing the deficient pipe ("dig-and-replace method"), the rehabilitation will be undertaken using the "cured-in-place pipe" (CIPP) method in which a pipe is created within the existing pipe *without the need for excavation*. This method is more efficient, cost effective and environmentally friendly compared to other methods of sewer pipe rehabilitation.

Purpose of Project: The existing sanitary sewer line along portions of Second Avenue and Main Street in Union City Borough are in poor condition due to cracks, settling, tree root intrusion and other disturbances that have developed over time. These conditions have increased the amount of inflow and infiltration (I/I) entering the system, especially during periods of wet weather. Increased I/I levels decreases the efficiency and capacity of wastewater collection and treatment systems; contributes to hydraulic overloading of treatment processes; can cause back flooding of sewers into streets and private properties; and can increase the collection system and treatment facility operating costs of the community.

Funding Source / Amount: \$78,000 +/- Multi- year CDBG and \$15,000 +/- Local Monies

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 and 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 April 5, 2017 will be considered by the County of Erie prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

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 the County of Erie 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 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, 4th 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