

**Notice of finding of No Significant Impact and
Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds**

Date: 6/18/2020

Name of Responsible Entity (RE): The County of Clearfield (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)

Address: 212 E. Locust Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania 16830

Contact & Telephone Number of RE Preparer Agency: Lisa Kovalick

This Notice shall satisfy two (2) separate but related, procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Clearfield.

Request for Release of Funds

On or about at least one day after (July 9, 2020) the end of the comment period Clearfield County will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of HOME funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Clearfield County HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program

The funding of this program will assist Clearfield County to prevent blight by assisting low income and very low-income elderly and families owning their homes. Here we will develop a comprehensive Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation program that will keep houses in livable thriving condition. Therefore, if and when an elderly person passes on, the house can be maintained. Families living in substandard code conditions will no longer feel the threat of their well-being.

The objective here is prevention of blighted housing this is our focus and it will be targeted across the county. This funding will assist homeowners with critical housing repairs to increase their safety and physical well-being. Housing repairs may include however are not limited to the following: roofing, windows, doors, siding, new electrical wiring, plumbing, removal of mold, installing smoke alarms, testing and treatment for radon, repair or replacement of foundations, porches and steps.

This request is for \$257,580 for the rehabilitation of housing. We estimate 3 homeowners will qualify for assistance at cost of \$75,000 each, \$5,400 relocation; \$9,262 project delivery costs; \$2,100 Engineering services and \$15,454 Administration

Finding of No Significant Impact

The County of Clearfield has determined that the projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Clearfield County Planning & Community Development Office, 212 E. Locust Street, Suite 128, Clearfield, PA 16830 and can be reviewed Monday through Friday from 8:300 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

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Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Lisa Kovalick, Community Development Specialist, Clearfield County Planning & Community Development Office, 212 E. Locust Street, Suite 128, Clearfield, PA 16830. All comments received by or on July 8, 2020, will be considered by the County of Clearfield prior to authorizing submission of a request to release of funds. Commentators should specify which part of this notice they are addressing.

Environmental Certification

The County of Clearfield certifies to DCED that Antonio Scotto, in his capacity as Chair of the Clearfield County Board of Commissioners, consents to accept the jurisdiction to the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation the environmental review process and that these responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Clearfield County to use Program Funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Clearfield's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or it's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Clearfield; (b) The County of Clearfield has omitted a step and failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DCED; or (d) another Federal Agency, acting pursuant to 40CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the stand point 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 Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Building, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

CLEARFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Notice Posting Period 6/18/2020-7/8/2020
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