



Venango County Regional Planning

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CONCURRENT NOTICE

CONCURRENT NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: November 20, 2020
Grantee Name: County of Venango
Address: 1174 Elk Street, Courthouse Annex, Franklin, PA16323

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the County of Venango.

Request for Release of funds:

On or about December 14, 2020, the above-named Grantee will request that the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) release funds for the FFY2019 CDBG funds for the following project:

FFY 2019 CDBG Venango County County-Wide Demolition Program:

Total: \$48,603

Anticipated activities included in this project are limited to demolition and clearance in order to reduce blight. Venango County, working with non-entitlement municipalities, would target structures that pose significant concerns for health and safety on a case by case basis. The ultimate purpose and need for this project are to reduce the spread of blight throughout the county. In accordance with 58.15, a tiered review process has been structured for the unidentified scattered sites. Venango County resides in a post-industrial region of Pennsylvania that has struggled economically for the past four decades. In the past, the region's workforce was very reliant on heavy industry which provided economic stability and viable jobs to the area. With those opportunities severely dwindled or non-existent, many municipalities have continually lost population over time, which has left a surplus of housing stock throughout the County. As a result, many structures have remained abandoned for years, creating health and safety concerns for many communities. The total CDBG Program funds requested for this project is \$48,603.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such Request for Release of Funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named Grantee has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reason for the decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement is as follows:

The activities were determined to present no significant adverse impact upon the environment.

An environmental review record (ERR) which documents the Environmental Review of these projects has been made by the Grantee. The ERR is on file at the Venango County Regional Planning Commission, 1168 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA 16323, and is available for public examination and copying upon request. The ERR can also be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to 1168 Liberty Street, PO Box 831, Franklin, PA 16323 or by email to hbuchanan@co.venango.pa.us. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website: <https://www.co.venango.pa.us/693/Environmental-Review-Postings>.

Chair: Nancy Marano

Vice-Chair: Frank Pankratz

Sec/Treasurer: Greg Miller

Executive Director: Jason Ruggiero

PUBLIC COMMENT ON FINDINGS

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Grantee to the Venango County Regional Planning Commission, 1168 Liberty Street PO Box 831. Such written comments must be received **on or before December 11, 2020**. Comments shall specify which part of the notice they are addressing. All such comments so received will be considered and the Grantee will not request the release of SCP funds or take any administrative action on the above-named projects prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Venango County also certifies to DCED that Michael C. Delaney, County Commissioner, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to Environmental Reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities, and allows Venango County to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds for Venango County's certification for a period of fifteen 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 Venango County; (b) Venango 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 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 Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Building, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg PA 17120-0225 or emailed to Christine Howe at chrhowe@pa.gov. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer: Samuel Breene, Venango County Commissioner

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