

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE: September 7, 2024

GRANTEE NAME: City of Hermitage

ADDRESS: 800 N Hermitage Road  
Hermitage PA 16148

TELEPHONE: (724) 981-0800

To All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

The purpose of this notice is to identify the following action to be taken by the City of Hermitage. On or about September 16, 2024, the above named grantee will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for the following project:

Title: **Housing Rehabilitation TIERED REVIEW**

Location: City of Hermitage

Estimated Cost and FY: FY 2022 CDBG cost = \$67,237, FY 2023 CDBG cost = \$200,000. Future years' allocations to be determined. This is a multi-year project, with annual allocations toward this activity.

**Description:** The City of Hermitage continues their highly successful Tiered Housing Rehabilitation Program funded by CDBG funds to fully rehabilitate owner-occupied deteriorating housing units. In accordance with 58.15, a tiered review process has been structured for the unidentified scattered sites.

The City has been allocating CDBG funds to Housing Rehabilitation activities for over 35 years. All occupants are qualified 100% LMI prior to rehabilitation. The City will utilize FY2022, FY2023 and future years Housing Rehab funds in conjunction with approved HOME funds and other funding streams to promote affordable homeownership in the community. Rehabilitation activities follow HUD standards to meet minimum housing code guidelines. The City of Hermitage Housing Rehabilitation Program is city-wide on a first come, first serve basis.

The activity proposed is categorically excluded under HUD regulation 24 CFR Part 58.35 (a)(3)(i)" from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) has been made by the City of Hermitage, which documents the environmental review of the project. This ERR is on file at the City of Hermitage (800 N Hermitage Rd; Hermitage, PA 16148) and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDINGS**

All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Hermitage at the address above. Such written comments should be received on or before September 16, 2024. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Hermitage will not request the release of CDBG funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Hermitage will undertake the project described above with the Community Development Block Grant funds from DCED. This notice also certifies to the Commonwealth that Duane Piccirilli, Board President, 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. The legal effect of this certification is that upon its approval, the City of Farrell may use the CDBG funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

DCED will accept an objection of its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification for a period of 15 days following its receipt of the request only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer or other Officer of the Grantee approved by DCED; or (b) that the Grantee's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the Environmental Review Process; (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 PA DCED or (d) that another Federal Agency, acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding to DCED that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to: [chrhowe@pa.gov](mailto:chrhowe@pa.gov), Department of Community and Economic Development, Office of Community Development, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by DCED. No objection received after September 27, 2024, will be considered by DCED unless, because of unforeseen delay, the request for release of funds was received after the date at the beginning of this Notice. Since this is possible and would cause a change in the objection period, objectors should contact DCED to verify the date of the last day in the objection period.

Duane Piccirilli, Board President  
City of Hermitage



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