

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: AUGUST 16, 2019

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: City of Hermitage

Address: 800 North Hermitage Road Hermitage, PA 16148

Telephone Number of RE: 724-981-0800

On or about SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 the above-named grantee will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for the following project:

- **Housing Rehabilitation – Single-Family, Owner-Occupied**  
FY 2018 CDBG \$130,670 – City-wide, case by case basis – The City of Hermitage Housing Rehab Program assists qualified households with upgrades to bring homes up to minimum housing standards.
- **ARC of Mercer County, Inc. (MCAR) Improvements**  
FY 2018 CDBG \$130,000 – 850 N Hermitage Road – Improvements to the MCAR Pre-Vocational / Adult Training Facility, reconstruction of ADA accessible entrance ramps, awning

The activities proposed are categorically excluded from the NEPA requirements (24 CFR Part 58.35) and there is no requirement for an environmental assessment. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) which documents the Environmental Review of the project has been made by the Grantee and more fully sets forth the reasons why a full Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This ERR is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mercer County. All comments received by SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 will be considered by the City of Hermitage prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Hermitage certifies to the Commonwealth that William J. Moder, III in his capacity as the President of the City of Hermitage Board of Commissioners 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 City of Hermitage to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and acceptance of the 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 grantee's Certifying Officer; (b) the grantee 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 the Department of Community and Economic Development, Office of Community Development, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

William J. Moder, III  
President, Hermitage Board of Commissioners