

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 16, 2016

City of Hermitage, 800 North Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148
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On or about September 6, 2016, the City of Hermitage will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & 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 1972, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

- **Housing Rehabilitation**
(Multi-Year Activity - City-Wide, case-by-case basis)
(\$196,325 FY 2015 CDBG funds)
Single family, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation
- **Public Facilities Improvements - MC Community Counseling Center**
2201 East State Street, Hermitage, PA 16148
Removal of Architectural Barriers ó
Installation of electronic handicapped accessible door
(\$12,000 FY 2015 CDBG funds)
- **Public Facilities Improvements -
ARC of Mercer County, Pre-Vocational/Adult Training Center**
850 N Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148
Installation of an awning at rear entrance of facility
(\$25,000 FY 2015 CDBG funds)

The activities proposed are 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 determinations for this project is on file at the City of Hermitage Municipal Building, 800 N Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Hermitage. All comments received by September 5, 2016 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 PA DCED that William J. Moder, III, in his capacity as President, 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. The Housing Rehabilitation project environmental review is being completed as a tiered review. PA DCED 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

PA DCED will accept objections to its release of fund and the City'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 the City of Hermitage; (b) the City 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 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 PA Department of Communalty & Economic Development at Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact PA DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

William J. Moder, II
President, City of Hermitage Board of Commissioners