

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 6, 2024

Fairfield County Board of Commissioners
210 East Main Street
Lancaster, OH 43130
740-652-7093

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

On or about, but not before, March 14, 2024, Fairfield County will submit a request to the State of Ohio for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following project(s):

Project Name: Fairfield County PY 2023 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Program
Source of Federal Funds: CDBG funds
Description of the Project: Replace 1,364 LF of deficient clay tile sanitary sewer trunk line and
223 LF of service lines with new self-cleaning gravity PVC lines and five manholes
Single or Multi-Year Project: Single
Location: Sugar Grove, Ohio
Estimated Cost of Project: \$470,000

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (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 the project(s) is available for review in the Fairfield County Commissioners' Office, 210 East Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio. The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Fairfield County Commissioners, 210 East Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio, 43130, or by email to joshua.hillberry@fairfieldcountyohio.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Fairfield County by U.S. mail or email at the address above. All comments received before Close of Business (4:00 pm) on March 13, 2024 will be considered by Fairfield County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Fairfield County certifies to the State of Ohio that Aundrea Cordle, in her capacity as Administrator, Fairfield County 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 State of Ohio's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Fairfield County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and Fairfield County 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 Fairfield County; (b) Fairfield 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 the State of Ohio; 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 Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development at OCD@development.ohio.gov. Potential objectors should contact the State of Ohio to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The address of the certifying officer is:

Aundrea Cordle, Administrator
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