

Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

January 30, 2026

Fairfield County Commissioners
210 E Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130
(740)652-7096

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

On or about, but not before, February 10, 2026, the Fairfield County Commissioners 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: PY2025 CHIP Program

Source of Funds: CDBG, HOME, Fairfield County CDBG Housing Program Income Funds, Fairfield County HOME Program Income Funds, Ohio Housing Assistance Grant, USDA Rural Development Funds, Area Agency on Aging Grant/Funds, Electric Partnership Program Funds, Home Weatherization Assistance Program Funds

Activities will include Owner Rehabilitation, and Owner Home Repair

This will be a multi-year project

Located in Fairfield County

The Estimated Cost of the Project is \$504,133

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 on Fairfield County's Website at www.co.fairfield.oh.us The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Fairfield County Commissioners at 210 E Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130 or by email to Aundrea.Cordle@fairfieldcountyohio.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Fairfield County Commissioners by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before February 10, 2026 will be considered by the Fairfield County Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Fairfield County Commissioners *certify* to the State of Ohio that Steve Davis, President of the Commissioners *in his* capacity as President of County Commissioners consent 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 the Fairfield County Commissioners to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and the Fairfield County Commissioner'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 Fairfield County Commissioners; (b) the Fairfield County Commissioners 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 Department of Development, 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.

President of the Commissioners
Steve Davis