# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 18, 2025

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

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Fairfield County.

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about, but not before, May 6, 2025, 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 2024 CDBG Program Source of Federal Funds: CDBG funds Description of the Project: Replace 1,200 LF of sidewalk along Broad Street Single or Multi-Year Project: Single Location: Bremen, Ohio Estimated Cost of Project: \$384,400

Project Name: Fairfield County PY 2024 CDBG Program Source of Federal Funds: CDBG funds Description of the Project: Replace the water softener system at the Village Water Treatment Plant Single or Multi-Year Project: Single Location: Bremen, Ohio Estimated Cost of Project: \$89,000

Project Name: Fairfield County PY 2024 CDBG Program Source of Federal Funds: CDBG funds Description of the Project: Rehabilitate 2,360 LF of the walking path in Howell Park and replace four lights at the Village pool and improve restrooms at Lincoln Park Single or Multi-Year Project: Single Location: Bremen, Ohio Estimated Cost of Project: \$135,700

Project Name: Fairfield County PY 2024 CDBG Program Source of Federal Funds: CDBG funds Description of the Project: Install three catch basins and resurface 1,500 LF of roadway along Marietta Street Single or Multi-Year Project: Single Location: Bremen, Ohio Estimated Cost of Project: \$191,800

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## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Fairfield County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) which 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 addresses above. All comments received before Close of Business (4:00 pm) on May 5, 2025 will be considered by Fairfield County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

Fairfield County certifies to the State of Ohio that Aundrea Cordle, in her capacity as Administrator for the 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'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 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 <u>OCD@development.ohio.gov</u>. 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 Fairfield County Board of Commissioners 210 E. Main Street Lancaster, Ohio 43130

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