

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

<b>POSTING DATE</b>	February 6, 2019
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On or about February 20, 2019 the County of Erie on behalf of North East Borough will submit a request to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and PA Act 179 of 1984, to undertake the following project:

**Project Name:** North East Borough Bothel and Liberty Streets Sidewalk Replacement Project

**Project Number:** (S-18-E-32-6-3)

**Project Location:** The project location is Bothel Street and Liberty Street in North East Borough, Erie County, PA.

**Purpose of Project:** The purpose of the project is to replace deteriorated sidewalks which pose a safety hazard for pedestrians and which give the neighborhood a blighted appearance.

**Project Description:** FY 2018 CDBG funds combined with residual CDBG monies will provide for the replacement of sidewalks and driveway aprons where required; and the construction of curb-cut ramps along portions of Bothel and Liberty Streets. Specifically, sidewalks will be replaced on the south side of Bothel Street from Liberty Street to Smedley Street (*there are no sidewalks on the north side*); along the east side of Liberty Street from Grahamville Street to Bothel; and on the west side of Liberty Street from Grahamville Street to the gravel driveway at 53 Liberty Street. In addition, four (4) curb-cut ramps with concrete curbing and ADA detectable plates will be constructed - 2 along Liberty Street and 2 at the intersection of Bothel and Smedley Streets.

**Funding Source/Amount:** Multi-year CDBG (FY's 2018 and 2016)/ approximately \$100,000

The activity proposed is "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 determination for this project is on file at the Erie County Department of Planning, 150 East Front Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA 16507 where it can be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M. To 4:30 P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Erie County Department of Planning at the above listed address. All comments received by February 19, 2019 will be considered by the ECDP prior to authorizing the submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Erie certifies to the PA DCED that Kathy Dahlkemper, in her capacity as County Executive, 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 PA DCED's approval of the Certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the County of Erie to use CDBG funds for the above-identified project

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The PA DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are based on the following: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer/County Executive of the County of Erie; (b) the County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the County 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 PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Financing, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact the PA DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kathy Dahlkemper  
County Executive