

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE OF NOTICE: November 14, 2024
RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: County of Washington
ADDRESS: 95 West Beau Street, Suite 605
Washington, PA 15301
TELEPHONE: 724-228-6875

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Washington (County).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 2, 2024, the County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), to be used for the following projects:

FY 2024 North Charleroi Demolition - 465 Center Avenue – The project involves demolition, site clearance, and environmental remediation as necessary of the dilapidated commercial structure at 465 Center Avenue, Charleroi, PA.

Estimated CDBG funding: \$20,000
Estimated total project cost: \$20,000

FY 2024 Cross Creek Demolition – 483 Cross Creek Avenue – The project involves demolition, site clearance, and environmental remediation as necessary of the dilapidated commercial structure at 483 Cross Creek Avenue, Avella, PA.

Estimated CDBG funding: \$20,000
Estimated total project cost: \$20,000

FY 2018 Charleroi Recreation Improvements – This project involves recreation improvements at two parks in Charleroi Borough, Woodland Avenue Park and Crest Avenue Park. The work to be done in Woodland Avenue Park, located at 400 Woodland Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022, includes construction of a new pavilion, public parking, fencing, and swinging benches. The work to be done in Crest Avenue Park, located at 809 Lookout Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022, includes reconstruction of the basketball court, construction of a pavilion, and installation of swinging benches

Estimated CDBG funding: \$70,000
Estimated total project cost: \$70,000

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The County has determined that the above projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the

Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington 100 West Beau Street, Suite 603, Washington, PA 15301 and may be examined, emailed, or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Brenda Williamson, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 603, Washington, PA 15301, or by email to brenda.williamson@racw.net. All comments received by November 29, 2024, will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Washington certifies to HUD that Nick Sherman, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Washington 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County to use CDBG Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Washington'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 County of Washington; (b) the County of Washington 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 HUD; 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76), and shall be addressed to the Director of the Pittsburgh Field Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov, or by mail at: 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Potential objectors should contact HUD Pittsburgh via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Nick Sherman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners