

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

DATE OF NOTICE: September 2, 2025
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 September 18, 2025, the County will submit a request to the US 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 a project known as West Middletown Sidewalk Construction. The project proposes the construction of 4 ft wide new sidewalk, where none currently exists at 56 East Main Street, Avella, PA. Estimated 2024 CDBG funding: \$75,000. Total project cost: \$75,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The County has determined that the above project 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 at 90 West Chestnut Street, Suite 700, 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, 90 West Chestnut Street, Suite 700, Washington, PA 15301, or by email to brenda.williamson@racw.net. All comments received by September 17, 2025, 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 Pittsburgh Field Office of Community Planning and Development, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or via e-mail to PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Pittsburgh Office via email or call 412-644-5846 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Nick Sherman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners