

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

Date of Notice: July 19, 2019

Name of Responsible Entity (RE): Indiana County Commissioners

Address: 825 Philadelphia Street  
Indiana, PA 15701

Telephone Number of RE Preparing Agency: Indiana County Office of Planning and Development  
724-465-3870

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

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about August 5, 2019 the County of Indiana will submit a request to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Ernest Blighted Property Project. The purpose of the project is to demolish the existing Old Mine Office Building and to re-use site as a community park/green space in Ernest Borough, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. A total of \$60,000.00 of CDBG funds are available to complete the project activities.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The County of Indiana 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) on file at the Indiana County Office of Planning and Development, 801 Water Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Indiana County Office of Planning and Development. All comments received by 4:00 PM on August 4, 2019 will be considered by the County of Indiana prior to authorizing submission of a request for release funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The County of Indiana certifies to DCED that Michael A. Baker, in his capacity as Chairman of the Indiana County Board of 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. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the County of Indiana to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Indiana'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 basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Indiana; (b) the RE 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Building, 400 North Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael A. Baker, Chairman  
Indiana County Board of Commissioners

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