

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE OF NOTICE: February 17, 2021

NAME OF RESPONSIBILITY ENTITY: Passaic County, New Jersey

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On or about February 26, 2021, Passaic County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) as amended, to be used for the following projects in the County:

Borough of Bloomingdale: Replacement of Water Main Valves

CDBG funds will be used for the replacement of water main gate valves on the Hamburg Turnpike at the intersections of Reeve and Leary Avenues. These valves are no longer operational and will allow for isolated shutdowns to perform maintenance or in the event of a break. The project is located in the Highlands Sole Source Aquifer but no impact on the aquifer was identified.

APPROXIMATELY \$65,000 in CDBG funds will be used to fund the project. Estimated Total Project Costs: \$325,000.

Borough of Wanaque: Haskell Avenue Water Line Improvements

CDBG funds will be used for the replacement of substandard six-inch transit water main which needs to be upgraded to an eight-inch ductile iron pipe. New house services will also be installed to replace antiquated services that can vary in type from copper, cast iron, and lead. The water main construction and house service installation will disintegrate the pavement and the road will be milled and paved. The project is located in the Highlands Sole Source Aquifer but no impact on the aquifer was identified.

APPROXIMATELY \$130,000 in CDBG funds will be used to fund the project. Estimated Total Project Costs: \$515,150.

Passaic County: County Curb Ramp Project

Passaic County will install a minimum of twelve ADA ramps along Ringwood Avenue from Carr Street to the Paterson Hamburg Turnpike. The project is located in the Highlands Sole Source Aquifer but no impact on the aquifer was identified.

APPROXIMATELY \$55,000 in CDBG funds will be used to fund the project and will be the sole funding for the project in FY2020.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Passaic County, Division of Economic Development, 401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505. The ERR may be found on the Passaic County website: www.passaiccountynj.org or through the following link where the ERR may be examined: https://www.passaiccountynj.org/government/departments/planning_and_economic_development/community_development_block_grant_program.php.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments to Passaic County, Division of Economic Development, 401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505. All written comments received on or by February 20, 2021 will be considered by Passaic County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Passaic County certifies to HUD that Pasquale "Pat" Lepore in his capacity as County Commissioner Director 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 allows Passaic County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept any objections to its release of funds and Passaic County's certification received for a period of fifteen days following its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they address one of the following: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Passaic County; (b) Passaic 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 HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the projects are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required

procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.78), and shall be addressed to the Newark Field Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), by email to CPD_COVID-19OEE-NK@hud.gov
Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Pasquale "Pat" Lepore
County Commissioner Director
Passaic County