

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE OF NOTICE: November 19, 2021

NAME OF RESPONSIBILITY ENTITY: Passaic County, New Jersey

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On or about November 30, 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: Bloomingdale Senior Center Pavilion

CDBG funds will be used to construct a 20' by 30' open pavilion and an ADA accessible pathway from the existing Senior Center and Flower garden in order to provide a safe location for seniors to meet and socialize during and after the pandemic, ensuring safe social distancing. Project includes picnic tables and a shed. The project is located in the Highlands Sole Source Aquifer but was determined to not pose a threat to the aquifer.

LOCATION: 103 Hamburg Turnpike, Bloomingdale, NJ

APPROXIMATELY \$60,000 in CDBG funds will be used to fund the project. Estimated Total Project Costs: \$112,200.

Borough of Pompton Lakes: ADA Curb Ramps and Paving Project

CDBG funds will be used to install 12 ADA compliant curb ramps and detectable warning surfaces including minor sidewalk improvements to ensure safe and equal access for all residents. The project is located in the Ramapo River Basin Sole Source Aquifer but was determined to not pose a threat to the aquifer. Scattered sites along Howard Street.

APPROXIMATELY \$60,000 in CDBG funds will be used to fund the project. Estimated Total Project Costs: \$237,579

Township of West Milford – Township Building No. 2 installation of Barrier Free Ramp

This building is currently under design for renovations to be utilized as an office for multiple Township agencies which will generate visits from the public. Renovations include compliance with ADA; energy efficient improvements; and a floor plan layout to enable social distancing. The project is located in the Highlands Sole Source Aquifer but was determined to not pose a threat to the aquifer.

Location: 649 Ridge Road, West Milford, NJ

APPROXIMATELY \$50,000 in CDBG funds will be used to fund the project. Estimated Total Project Costs: \$60,000

Macopin Volunteer Fire Company – Rehabilitation of Bathrooms for ADA Accessibility

Reconstruct existing 2 bathrooms to accommodate ADA compliance. The project would include constructing a ramp/platform to accept persons in wheelchairs, add a shower in the same area, and be capable of being disinfected to protect the public and first responders against germs and COVID-19. The project is located in the Highlands Sole Source Aquifer but was determined to not pose a threat to the aquifer.

Location: 1362 Macopin Road, West Milford

APPROXIMATELY \$35,000 in CDBG funds will be used to fund the project. Estimated Total Project Costs: \$48,500

Borough of Totowa: Sanitary Sewer Lining Project XI: Lincoln Avenue

CDBG funds will be used for the installation of cured-in-place pipe liner and sealing of manholes, along the length of the sanitary sewer line to be rehabilitated along Lincoln Avenue between Union Blvd and Franklin Place. Work includes sealing of sanitary sewer lateral connections at the main, and rehab of sanitary manholes within the project limits. 70+ year old clay pipes, brick manholes are currently in place. The project is located within a 100-year floodplain; the Eight Step Decision Making Process was applied. No adverse impacts are expected, and no concerns were expressed by the public.

APPROXIMATELY \$100,762 in CDBG funds will be used to fund the barrier removal portion of the project. Estimated Total Project Costs: \$271,600.

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 suite 401. 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/departments/planning-economic-development/community-development-block-grant-program>.

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 November 29, 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 after the anticipated/estimated date of submission or 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