

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

POSTING DATE: September 14, 2023
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Passaic.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

Passaic County Arts Center-ADA Improvements: The County of Passaic plans to complete various improvements around the Passaic County Arts Center (PCAC) to improve ADA accessibility to the arts center and Goffle Brook Park (675 Goffle Road, Borough of Hawthorne) walking paths and athletic facilities. The project will include a limited reconstruction of the existing parking lot to better locate accessible parking centrally, with respect to the building entrance and walking path access. The pavement will also be reconstructed to provide maximum 2% slopes in all directions within the parking spaces. The parking spaces will also be van accessible, where no van accessible parking spaces currently exist. The project will also include new walking paths around the perimeter of the existing parking lot, to connect to the existing walking path within Goffle Brook Park. The new walking paths will be 6' wide and constructed with asphalt. The running and cross-slopes of the new walking paths will be fully ADA compliant. The improvements will provide accessible routes that comply with slope requirements and will provide walking paths that are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs and be surfaced with asphalt, creating solid paths for people who have mobility issues. **Estimated Funding CDBG:\$144,000; Total Project Cost: \$144,000.**

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The County has determined that the 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review at the Passaic County Division of Economic Development; 401 Grand Street, Room 417; Paterson, NJ 07505 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County of Passaic via email to deborahh@passaiccountynj.org or by mail at the address listed above. Comments received through September 29, 2023 will be considered. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Passaic certifies to HUD that Pasquale “Pat” Lapore, in his capacity as Commissioner Director of the county of Passaic, 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 of Passaic to use CDBG Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County’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 the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Passaic; (b) The County of Passaic has omitted a step or failed to make a determination 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 Community Planning and Development, Newark Field Office, by email to CPD_GeneralCorr-NK@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Pasquale “Pat” Lapore, County Commissioner Director, Certifying Officer