

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: June 24, 2019

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: Mercer County

Address: c/o Mercer County Regional Planning Commission  
2491 Highland Rd., Hermitage, PA 16148

Telephone Number of RE: 724-981-2412, x 3204

On or about July 15, 2019 the above-named grantee will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) to release CDBG Funds for the following project:

Title: Removal of Architectural Barriers – Mercer Borough

Location: Mercer Borough

Estimated Cost:

FY 2017 Mercer County CDBG project cost = \$140,000 for Mercer Borough. Funding may be received from additional Fiscal Years of Mercer County CDBG Entitlement Programs.

Description:

On the exterior of the borough building, this project proposes to provide for the construction of two handicapped parking stalls with accompanying ramps and signs. The existing sidewalk and entrance door landing will be widened. Interior doors will be widened and current doors replaced with accessible handles. A new restroom will be installed with accessible toilets, sinks and grab bars (this restroom will be created by combining the existing two restrooms in addition to using a portion of a storage closet). An accessible water fountain and light switches will also be installed.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded from the NEPA requirements (24 CFR Part 58.35) and there is no requirement for an environmental assessment. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) which documents the Environmental Review of the project has been made by the Grantee and more fully sets forth the reasons why a full Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This ERR is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mercer County, c/o the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission. All comments received by July 9, 2019 will be considered by Mercer County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Mercer County certifies to the Commonwealth that Matthew McConnell in his capacity as Chairman of the Mercer 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 Mercer County to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and acceptance of the 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 grantee's Certifying Officer; (b) the grantee 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 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Office of Community Development, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Matthew McConnell  
Chairman  
Mercer County Board of Commissioners

**Mailed on June 24, 2019 to the following agencies:**

Pamela Reilly  
Historic Preservation Specialist  
Office of Community Development, DCED  
Commonwealth Keystone Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

PA Department of Environmental Protection  
Regional Director8  
230 Chestnut Street  
Meadville, PA 16335

Environmental Protection Agency  
Region III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Director, Federal Liaison Division  
Office of Federal Activities (104)  
Environmental Protection Agency  
404 M. Street, S. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

**Sent to (on July 15, 2019):**

Chris Howe  
Center for Community Building  
Office of Community Development  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

**Posted at the following locations:**

**Mercer Co. Regional Council of Governments**  
2495 Highland Rd.  
Hermitage, PA 16148

**Mercer County Regional Planning Commission**  
2491 Highland Road  
Hermitage, PA 16148

**Mercer Borough Building**  
145 North Pitt Street  
Mercer, PA 16137

**Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce Building**  
143 North Diamond Street  
Mercer, PA 16137

**Mercer Area Library**  
110 East Venango Street  
Mercer, PA 16137

Posted online @ [mercerborough.com](http://mercerborough.com) and [mcrpc.com](http://mcrpc.com)