



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

September 30, 2016
City of Ashland
Department of Planning & Community Development
1700 Greenup Avenue, Room 208
P. O. Box 1839
Ashland, Kentucky 41105
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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Ashland for CDBG Homeowner Rehabilitation Program.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 18th, 2016 the City of Ashland will submit a request to the HUD/Kentucky, Louisville Field Office for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I / Section 104 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Homeowner Rehabilitation for the purpose of rehabilitating approximately 30 low to moderate income owner occupied homes over the next five (5) years, utilizing CDBG funds for costs ranging from \$5,000 to \$18,000 per home, each homeowner must reside inside the city limits of Ashland, KY.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Ashland 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 City of Ashland, Department of Planning & Community Development, 1700 Greenup Avenue, Room 208, Ashland, Kentucky, where ERR can be examined and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. This ERR may also be examined on the HUD Exchange website at <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Ashland, Department of Planning & Community Development. All comments received by October 18th 2016; will be considered by the City of Ashland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Ashland certifies to HUD/Kentucky Louisville Field Office that Michelle Veach, Assistant Finance Director, in her capacity as the Certifying Officer 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/Kentucky Louisville Field Office approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Ashland to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD/Kentucky Louisville Field Office will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Ashland'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 bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Ashland; (b) the City of Ashland 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/Kentucky Louisville Field Office; 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 HUD/Kentucky Louisville Field Office administration office of Region IV at 601 W Broadway, Room 110, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202. Potential objectors should contact HUD/Kentucky Louisville Field Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Cynthia Daniel, Dev. Grants Administrator
City of Ashland