

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

May 15, 2018

Responsible Entity: Clarion County

Clarion County Administrative Building, 330 Main Street

Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214

Telephone: (814) 226-4000

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Clarion.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about June 1, 2018 the County of Clarion will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following multi-year projects:

Borough of Clarion, PA – Main Street Improvements: Clarion Borough 2015 CDBG Funds - \$51,310.76. Total - \$51,310.76. 2015 CDBG funds will purchase and install approximately 28 concrete trash receptacles, 20 concrete benches, 20 concrete planters and 10 new trees on Main Street between Second and Ninth Avenues. Future CDBG funding and projects will include the following: pedestrian amenities and streetscaping items as needed, upgrades to the electrical system that serves the decorative light poles and tree well outlets, installations, upgrades and repairs for the light poles / pole bases themselves, lighting improvements throughout the Downtown Business District, sidewalk improvements, parking improvements, signage, decorative brick rehabilitation/sealing, and drainage improvements.

Township of Clarion, PA – Fourth Avenue Stormwater Improvements: Clarion Township 2017 CDBG Funds - \$68,179.00, Clarion Township 2016 CDBG Funds - \$77,469.02, Clarion Township 2015 CDBG Funds - \$38,754.48, Total - \$184,402.50. The purpose of this project is to address stormwater runoff issues on South Fourth Avenue and throughout the adjacent Woodland Estates located on Meadowbrook Court. Approximately 760 lineal feet of 36-inch bore pipe, 430 lineal feet of 24-inch bore pipe and 10 inlets will be installed along with shoulder paving. Replacement of several deteriorated inlets along CAA Lane, as well as street and site restoration, will be included in the project.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The County of Clarion 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 of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Clarion County Department of Planning and Development, Clarion County Administrative Building, Room 12, 330 Main Street, Clarion, PA 16214 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Clarion County Department of Planning and Development, Clarion County Administrative Building, Room 12, 330 Main Street, Clarion, PA 16214. All comments received by or on May 31, 2018 will be considered by the County of Clarion prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Clarion certifies to DCED that Theodore W. Tharan in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Clarion County 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 the County of Clarion to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Clarion'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 County of Clarion; (b) the County of Clarion 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 Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development at Center for Compliance, Monitoring and Training, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact PA DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Theodore W. Tharan, Chairman, Board of Clarion County Commissioners



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This Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (Concurrent Notice) covers the following CDBG projects: Clarion Borough – Main Street Improvements and Clarion Township – Fourth Avenue Stormwater Improvements. The notice was published in the legal section of the Clarion News on May 15, 2018. The public comment period began on May 16, 2018 and runs through May 31, 2018. In addition to publishing, complete copies of the notice were posted at the Clarion Free Library, 644 Main Street, Clarion, PA, the Clarion County Administrative Building, 330 Main Street, Clarion, PA, the Clarion

Borough Offices, 1400 East Main Street, Clarion, PA, the Clarion Township Building, 17382 Route 322, Strattanville, PA and on the Clarion County website. Complete copies of the notice were distributed to the following groups, agencies and persons:

All current members of the Clarion Borough Council, Clarion, PA

All current members of the Clarion Township Board of Supervisors, Strattanville, PA

Property Owners - Woodland Estates, Tionesta, PA

Secretary/Treasurer, Clarion Township, Strattanville, PA

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Pittsburgh, PA

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Philadelphia, PA

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Federal Activities, Washington, D.C.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, NW Regional Office, Meadville, PA

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Compliance Office, Harrisburg, PA

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Historic Preservation, Harrisburg, PA

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Northwest Regional Office, Erie, PA

WCCR/WWCH Radio – Clarion, PA

WCUC – Clarion University Radio Station, Clarion, PA