NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after April 6, 2018 the County of Dauphin will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Grant Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, HOME Funds, to undertake the following multi-year, 2017 – 2021, non-site-specific project:

Project: Countywide Housing Rehabilitation

Dauphin County plans to continue rehabilitation financing programs to provide for the repair, restoration and improvement of residential structures to address code violations and safety hazards to owner-occupied structures. The scope of the work may range from completion of minor improvements and selective rehabilitation, including weatherization accessibility improvements to improvements to meet building codes. Actual amounts will be identified in the annual action plan for each year. It is anticipated to rehabilitate six (6) homes per year with a maximum budget of $20,000.00 per home. Any site-specific activity that exceeds the environmental constraints established under each tiered review will be subject to a separate environmental review and public notification, if required.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Dauphin 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, which is contained in the Environmental Assessment and Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for the above listed project, is available and on file at the Dauphin County Economic Development Corporation, 112 Market Street, 7th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with the County of Dauphin’s determinations or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments on the ERR to the Dauphin County Economic Development Corporation, 112 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Anyone making comments should specify which action they are commenting on: The Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for Release of Funds or both. All comments received by April 6, 2018 will be considered by the County of Dauphin prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION and RELEASE of FUNDS

The County of Dauphin certifies to HUD that Jeffrey Haste, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Chairman, Dauphin 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. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Dauphin to use HUD Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Dauphin’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 Dauphin; (b) the County of Dauphin 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 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, Section 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD, Director, Community Planning and Development, HUD Philadelphia State Office, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jeffrey T. Haste, Chairman
Certifying Officer
Dauphin County Board of Commissioners