

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**PUBLICATION DATE:** September 19, 2019

**GRANTEE NAME:** County of Orange

**ADDRESS:** Office of Community Development  
40 Matthews Street, Suite 307A  
Goshen, NY 10924

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

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about October 7, 2019, the County of Orange will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) to be used for the following projects in the county:

Town of Mt. Hope – Public Facility Improvements – This project will involve improvements to the Otisville Community Center located at 21 School Street, Otisville, NY. Modifications include improvements to handicap accessibility and energy efficiency. 2019 CDBG Funding: \$100,000

Town of Wallkill – Public Facility Improvements – This project will involve the installation of new stormwater drainage systems, including 2,400 lf of piping and 27 catch basins. Project also involves street resurfacing upon completion of the project. 2019 CDBG Funding: \$102,000

Town of Blooming Grove—Public Facility Improvements—This project involves creating ADA accessible parking spaces and walkway at Lasser Park in the Town. The existing gravel walkway will be removed and paved to create accessible walkway for residents with disabilities to access the park amenities. 2018 CDBG Funding: \$30,000

Village of Otisville – Public Facility Improvements – This project involves replacing and upsizing waterline along Seybolt Avenue in the Village (approximately 415 lf) 2018 CDBG Funding: \$114,000

Village of Walden—Public Facility Improvements—This project involves replacement of 550 linear feet of sidewalk on Maple Street between Scofield Street and Walnut Street, and the replacement of 160 linear feet of sidewalk on Walnut Street between Maple Street and Village Hall. The sidewalk will be ADA compliant, and will also feature ADA accessible ramps and crosswalks. 2017 CDBG Funding: \$80,000

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

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) on file at the Orange County office of Community Development, 40 Matthews Street, Suite 307A; Goshen, NY 10924 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Director of the Orange County Office of Community Development; 40 Matthews Street, Suite 307A; Goshen, NY 10924. All comments received by October 4, 2019 will be considered by the County of Orange prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The County of Orange certifies to HUD that Steven M. Neuhaus, in his capacity as County Executive of the County of Orange, 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 Orange to use CDBG and HOME Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Orange'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 Orange; (b) the County of Orange 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, Sec. 58.76), and shall be addressed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Jacob J. Javits Federal Building; 26 Federal Plaza, Rm 3513; New York, NY 10278. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive  
County of Orange, NY