

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

**Date of Notice:** April 12, 2024  
**Responsible Entity:** Fayette County, PA  
**Contact Agency:** Redevelopment Authority of the  
County of Fayette, Pennsylvania (RACF)  
86 West Main Street | Uniontown, PA 15401  
**Telephone:** (724) 437-1547

### TO: ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS:

On or about **April 24, 2024** the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania (RACF) on behalf of the County of Fayette will submit a request to the 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 project/s:

**FY2023-ER-CEST-01 River Road Reconstruction  
Lower Tyrone Township - Fayette County, Pennsylvania:**

Fayette County will utilize a portion of its FY2023 CDBG funds to reconstruct River Road in Lower Tyrone Township. The roadway is extremely deteriorated, resulting in loose paving and excess dust in the area. A portion of this project (approximately 730 LF) is located within a floodplain. The County will use CDBG funds to place a leveling course of asphalt and overlay the surface with 2" wearing course. The project will reconstruct a total of approximately 5,280 LF of roadway. This project will be designed, certified and completed in accordance with standard PennDOT 408 specifications to ensure a minimum of a 7-year useful life. A final 7-year useful life certification will also be obtained following completion of the project in accordance with the plans and specifications. As part of the project, the Township will use local resources to replace broken and clogged drainage pipes prior to CDBG funds being invested. The Township has a road crew that will perform maintenance, as needed. Funding for maintenance will be provided through the Township's general fund or liquid fuels fund.

FY2023 CDBG, C000086593 - \$109,956

**FY2023-ER-CEST-02 Shoaf Area Road Reconstruction  
Georges Township - Fayette County, Pennsylvania:**

Georges Township will utilize a portion of its FY2023 CDBG funds to reconstruct roads in the Shoaf Area of the Township. The roadway is extremely deteriorated condition with cracking, pot-holes, and berm failure, resulting in hazardous driving conditions for area residents and patrons of the small businesses mentioned previously. A portion of this project (approximately 378 FL) is located within a floodplain. The Township will use CDBG funds to place a leveling course of asphalt and overlay the surface with 2" wearing course. The project will reconstruct a total of approximately 4,570 LF of roadway. This project will be designed, certified and completed in accordance with standard PennDOT 408 specifications to ensure a minimum of a 7-year useful life. A final 7-year useful life certification will also be obtained following completion of the project in accordance with the plans and specifications. As part of the project, the Township will use local resources to replace broken and clogged drainage pipes prior to CDBG funds being invested. The Township has a road crew that will perform maintenance, as needed. Funding for maintenance will be provided through the Township's general fund or liquid fuels fund.

FY2023 CDBG, C000086593 - \$85,806

The above activity/ies proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects are on file at Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, Pennsylvania located at 86 West Main Street - Uniontown, PA where the ERR may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm. This location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Every effort will be made to provide the needed materials to all residents, including LEP persons, as needed with 4 notice.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the RACF (86 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401). All comments received by the end of the day on **April 22, 2024** will be considered by RACF on behalf of the County of Fayette, PA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

RACF on behalf of the County of Fayette, PA certifies to DCED that Andrew P. French, in his official capacity as Executive Director 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 this certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the County of Fayette, PA and RACF to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and RACF's certification on behalf of the County of Fayette, PA 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 RACF on behalf of the County of Fayette, PA; (b) RACF on behalf of the County of Fayette, PA 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, Center for Community Building, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0225. Objections may also be submitted electronically to [chrhowe@pa.gov](mailto:chrhowe@pa.gov). Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Andrew P. French, Certifying Officer / Executive Director  
Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette*

