



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FOR TIERED PROJECT AND PROGRAM
City of Uniontown**

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Name of Responsible Entity (RE): City of Uniontown
Address: 20 N. Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401
Telephone Number of RE: 724-438-7968

On or about June 15, 2018, the City of Uniontown 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 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, for the project listed below:

Tier 1 Broad Review Program Title: Demolition - (multi-year, FY 2015 – FY 2019)

Purpose: Demolition of blighted properties unsuitable for rehabilitation in low-moderate income areas.

Location: City of Uniontown, Fayette County

Project Description: The proposed demolitions will address the spread of blight by removing structures that lower the quality of life in the City's neighborhoods. Generally, these properties lie in the low-income neighborhoods of the City. Accordingly, the primary beneficiaries of the proposed activity will be the residents of these neighborhoods.

Level of Environmental Review Determination: Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5: (3)(ii) An individual action on a project of five or more housing units developed on scattered sites when the sites are more than 2,000 feet apart and there are not more than four housing units on any one site.

Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Endangered Species and Historic Preservation.

Mitigation Measures: For Endangered Species, PA DEP's PNDI tool (<https://conservationexplorer.dcnr.pa.gov/>) will be used to determine if the project site may have an adverse impact on endangered species and/or critical habitat. For Historic Preservation, the following information will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Office: site details, photographs, and map locations. The City will implement any mitigation measures required by SHPO. The City does not intend to demolish structures located in a floodplain. If it is determined during a Tier 2 review that a site is located in a floodplain, the 8-step decision making process will be followed, and first and second floodplain notices will be published. Local floodplain and wetland regulations will be followed

Estimated Project Cost: FY15 CDBG: \$75,000; FY16 – FY19 CDBG: \$300,000

The activities proposed above are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per the Level of Environmental Review citations listed above. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for these project is on file at City of Uniontown, Redevelopment Authority of the City of Uniontown, 20 N. Gallatin Avenue, Suite 216, Uniontown, PA 15401, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mark Rafail, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of the City of Uniontown, 20 N. Gallatin Avenue, Suite 216, Uniontown, PA 15401. All comments received by 4:30 P.M. on June 14, 2018 will be considered by the City of Uniontown prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Uniontown certifies to the Commonwealth (DCED) that Edward Fike, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Mayor, 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 City of Uniontown to use HUD Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Uniontown'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 Uniontown (b) the City of Uniontown 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 Department of Community and Economic Development, Governor's Center for Local Government Services, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Edward Fike, Mayor, City of Uniontown, PA

