

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31, 2020

TO: PENNSYLVANIA DEP, U.S. EPA REGION 3 via certified mail

PaDCED, Pa SHPO, MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL, EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL via electronic mail

FROM: Martha A. Robbins, Executive Director
Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe

RE: FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant – C000073811
FONSI/NOI RROF - Monroe County on behalf of East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg Borough

On or after September 22, 2020, Monroe County on behalf of East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg Borough will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to release Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the projects listed in the attached Finding of No Significant Impact/Notice of Intent to Request of Funds, which is enclosed for your records. The notice will be posted in public locations listed in the Notice on September 4, 2020.

The proposed activities will have no significant impact on the human environment under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination is on file at the following address: Monroe County c/o Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe, 701 Main Street, Suite 502, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly:

exdirector@monroecountyda.org
570/421-4300

Enclosure/Electronically submitted: Combined Finding of No Significant Impact/Notice of Intent to Request for Release of Funds

ATTENTION MONROE COUNTY RESIDENTS
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE OF NOTICE: September 3, 2020

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

MONROE COUNTY c/o REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE
701 MAIN STREET, SUITE 502, STROUDSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 18360
TELEPHONE: 570-421-4300

(This Notice is being posted at the Monroe County Administration Building, Stroudsburg Municipal Building, East Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building, and the office of the Monroe County Redevelopment Authority in lieu of publication in the local newspaper. The required timeframe for posting is 18 days.)

To all interested agencies, groups and persons:

This notice shall satisfy two (2) separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Monroe.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 22, 2020, Monroe County will request that the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program funds under the provisions of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake projects known as 2019 CDBG, for the purpose of carrying a Community Development Program for the following projects:

MONROE COUNTY

14A HOUSING REHABILITATION

Purpose/Description:

A multi-year program to provide financial assistance for rehabilitation of owner-occupied, low/moderate income, single family dwellings.

Location:

County-wide except East Stroudsburg Borough and Borough of Stroudsburg

Cost:

\$327,657 in FY 2019 CDBG Funds

BOROUGH OF STROUDSBURG

03K STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Purpose/Description:

Rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of curb and ramp at all impacted intersections that do not meet current standards and requirements.

Location:

Fetherman Street Improvement Project, Borough of Stroudsburg

Cost:

\$ 86,955 in FY 2019 CDBG Funds

BOROUGH OF EAST STROUDSBURG

03K STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Purpose/Description:

Rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of curb and ramp at all impacted intersections that do not meet current standards and requirements.

Location:

North Green Street, East Stroudsburg Borough

Cost:

\$122,227 in FY 2019 CDBG Funds

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Monroe has determined that the projects will have no significant adverse 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 Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe office located at 701 Main Street, Suite 502, Stroudsburg, PA and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe, 701 Main Street, Suite 502, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. All comments received by 4:30pm, September 21, 2020, will be considered by the County of Monroe prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of the CDBG Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Monroe certifies to DCED that Sharon S. Laverdure, Board of Commissioners, serving in the capacity as Chairman, 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 Monroe County to use HUD Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Monroe's certification for a period of 18 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 basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Monroe; (b) the County of Monroe 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 has 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 unsatisfactorily from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58 Sect 58.76) and shall be addressed to Department of Community and Economic Development at: chrhowe@pa.gov. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sharon S. Laverdure, Chairman, Monroe County Board of Commissioners
One Quaker Plaza, Room 201
Stroudsburg, PA 18360-2135

Posted: Monroe County Commissioners-Administration Building
Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building
East Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building
Monroe County Redevelopment Authority Administrative Office