

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FOR TIERED PROJECT AND PROGRAMS**

POSTING DATE: December 9, 2021

GRANTEE NAME: County of Monroe

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On or about December 20, 2021, the County of Monroe, including East Stroudsburg Borough and Stroudsburg Borough, will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PaDCED) for the release of 2020 Community Development Block Grant -COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funds under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act in association with Contract No. C000075473 in the amount of \$253,388, to undertake the following project:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Single Family Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation; "Healthy Home Repair Program", county-wide including East Stroudsburg Borough and Stroudsburg Borough, Non-Site Specific

Monroe County, including East Stroudsburg Borough and Stroudsburg Borough, will use federal 2020 CDBG-CV funds, Contract No. C000075473 in the amount of \$253,388, to rehabilitate owner-occupied homes within the County including East Stroudsburg Borough and Stroudsburg Borough to prevent, prepare for, and respond (PPR) to the coronavirus pandemic to provide a healthy home to homeowners who are COVID vulnerable and to COVID impacted household members. Anticipated activities associated with scatter sites for housing rehabilitation throughout Monroe County including East Stroudsburg Borough and Stroudsburg Borough is to remove health and safety hazards from dwellings will include but not be limited to heating, plumbing, electrical, improvements to HVAC systems, implementation of lead-based paint hazard controls and/or other environmental hazard remediation/mitigation measures, as well as ADA improvements that can exacerbate COVID-19 high risk populations with underlying conditions and keeping them healthier. Program rehabilitation activities will not increase density beyond four units, change the land use, or increase a building footprint in a floodplain or wetland. Location will be within Monroe County including East Stroudsburg Borough and Stroudsburg Borough.

Tier 2 Site Specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 Broad Review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5:

58.35(a)(3)(i): Rehabilitation of buildings and improvements when the following conditions are met: (i) In the case of building for residential use (with one to four units), the density is not increased beyond four units, and the land use is not changed.

58.35(a)(4)(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: Historic Preservation, Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Noise Abatement and Control.

Additionally, lead based paint, asbestos, and radon will be treated consistent with program requirements and federal, state, and local laws.

Estimated Project Cost: Total Funded Amount-\$253,388 (FY 2020 CDBG-CV)

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR 58.35(a). An Environmental Review Record that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file for public review 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

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe, Attn: Martha A. Robbins, 701 Main Street, Suite 502, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 or by email: exdirector@monroecountyrd.org. All comments received by December 19, 2021, will be considered by the County of Monroe, prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Monroe certifies to DCED that Sharon S. Laverdure, in her capacity as Chairman, 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. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Monroe to use CDBG-CV Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of fund and the County of Monroe'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 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 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 at chrhowes@pa.gov. Potential objectors should contact to DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sharon S. Laverdure, Chairman, Certifying Officer
Board of Commissioners