

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

POSTING DATE	March 4, 2020
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about March 18, 2020, the County of Erie on behalf of Millcreek Township will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Pittsburgh PA Office) 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:

Project Name: Millcreek Township Sidewalk Accessibility Project- Phase VIII

Project Number: (B-19-MC-42-0107)

Project Location: The project location is community-wide. No ramps will be constructed in a designated floodplain.

Project Description: FY 2019 CDBG funds plus residual FY 2017 and FY 2018 CDBG monies will provide for the removal, design, and replacement of approximately 150 curb-cut ramps at various locations throughout Millcreek Township. Each ramp will be designed in the field to accommodate existing conditions and sidewalks. They will conform to ADA standards regarding running slope and cross slope as well as the inclusion of detectable warning surfaces (truncated domes). A level landing will be required at the transition between the existing sidewalk and new ramp for a turning area. Each ramp will be thoroughly inspected once completed. The contractor will also install an asphalt transition area connecting the newly installed ramp to the existing roadway surface to assure sidewalks are truly accessible. These asphalt transitions will be removed when the roadway is resurfaced by the township at which time compliant crosswalks will be installed. Millcreek Township is under a consent decree to remove/replace approximately 1,400 curb-ramps by 2022. The proposed project is the 8th phase of a multi-phase program of curb-cut ramp removal/replacement utilizing the Township's CDBG funding.

Purpose of Project: Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires state and local governments to make pedestrian crossings accessible to people with disabilities by providing curb ramps. Without these ramps, sidewalk travel and street crossing can be difficult, dangerous and in some cases impossible for people who use wheelchairs, scooters, and other mobility aids. These ramps will improve pedestrian flow in all areas of the Township, particularly in residential neighborhoods and school areas.

Funding Source / Amount: \$215,561 in FY 2019 CDBG funds *plus* \$487 in residual FY 2017 CDBG monies and \$37,420 in residual FY 2018 CDBG funds for a total of \$253,468

The activity proposed is *Categorically Excluded* under HUD regulations at 24CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this project is on file at the Erie County Department of Planning, where the ERR can be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Erie County Department of Planning at the above listed address. **All comments received by March 17, 2020 will be considered by County Planning prior to authorizing the submission of a Request for Release of Funds.**

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Millcreek Township certifies to HUD that James S. Bock in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors 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 Millcreek Township to use the Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Millcreek Township's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 Millcreek Township;
- b. The Township has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- c. The Township 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; or project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec.58.76), and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development, William Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4004. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sheryl Williams, Secretary
Millcreek Township