

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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On or about April 6, 2018 the County of Erie will submit a request to the PA 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, and PA Act 179 of 1984, to undertake the following project:

Project Name: Lake City Borough Rice Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Project Number: (S-17-E-16-6-1 [C])

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the project is to reduce the likelihood of sewage backups into area homes; enable the Borough to maintain and improve sewer capacity; and reduce the need for frequent and costly maintenance.

Project Location: The project location is along a section of Rice Avenue, from Martin Road north a distance of approximately 1,500 feet.

Project Description: CDBG funds will provide for the rehabilitation of a 1,500 foot section of sanitary sewer line along Rice Avenue using the "Cured-In-Place Pipe Method". CIPP is one of the four major "trench-less" sewer rehabilitation techniques being used nationwide. Unlike the traditional method of unearthing and replacing the deficient pipe ("dig-and-replace method"), the trench-less method uses the existing pipe as a host for a new pipe/liner. Trench-less sewer rehabilitation can restore damaged sewer pipes to brand new condition without the need to excavate; tear up roads; close businesses; or the collateral construction costs that comes with the burden of having to replace underground pipes.

During the cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) process, a flexible fabric liner, coated with a thermosetting resin, is inserted into the existing pipeline and cured to form a new liner. The liner is typically inserted into the original pipe through an existing manhole. The fabric tube holds the resin in place until the tube is inserted in the pipe and ready to be cured. Once the liner is within the pipe, hot water and/or steam is introduced into the pipe under high pressure to push the liner against the walls of the pipe and to activate the thermosetting epoxy. After the epoxy has set, the line can be put back into service. The final product results in essentially a new composite pipe inside the old pipe that is structurally sound even if the outer pipe is not. The lined pipe does not have any joints and is smoother than the original that results in better flow through the pipe. Laterals are typically reinstated with a robotic cutting device.

Funding Source/Amount: \$73,202 CDBG and local funds approximating \$15,000

The activity proposed is "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 determination for this project is on file at the Erie County Department of Planning, 150 East Front Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA 16507 where it 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 April 5, 2018 will be considered by the ECDP prior to authorizing the submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Erie certifies to the PA DCED that Kathy Dahlkemper, in her capacity as County Executive, 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. The PA DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the County of Erie to use CDBG funds for the above-identified project

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The PA DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County'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 based on the following: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer/County Executive of the County of Erie; (b) the County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the County 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 PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Financing, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact the PA DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kathy Dahlkemper
County Executive