

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

POSTING DATE	February 18, 2020
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On or about March 3, 2020 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: Wesleyville Borough Memorial Park Recreation Improvement Project

Project Number: (S-19-E-16-6-1 [B])

Project Location: Memorial Park is located north of Buffalo Road (U.S Route 20) in Wesleyville Borough and is bounded to the north by North Street; to the south by Pearl Avenue; to the west by Market Street and to the east by Wesley Avenue.

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the project is to provide children in this area of the Borough with recreational amenities that are fun, safe and creative.

Project Description: FY 2019 CDBG funds plus local monies will provide for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment at Memorial Park in Wesleyville Borough to replace existing equipment that is outdated, unsafe by modern safety standards, and lacking in imagination that is critical in the cognitive development of children. The new equipment is anticipated to include a play set for children ages 5 to 12 of all abilities and will have multiple platforms, climbers, slides and ladders. It will be installed within a curbed play area with a wood fiber surfacing and will be purchased /installed through the PA COSTARS program. In addition to the CDBG funded project the Borough has received DCNR monies which they plan to use to purchase additional playground equipment as well as create parking spaces on the site formerly utilized for tennis courts.

Funding Source/Amount: CDBG-\$59,115 and Local Monies -Amount to be Determined

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 February 28, 2020 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