

# **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about January 3, 2024, the City of Clairton will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding (CPF) funds under Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328), as amended, to undertake a project known as City of Clairton Community Center for the purpose as described below:

## **City of Clairton Community Center**

City of Clairton Community Center will benefit the general population of Clairton, PA by providing a publicly accessible location for meetings, events, and activities. The project site is centrally located along the main intersection of the business district of Clairton. The project includes the rehabilitation of a former PNC Bank building in order to be converted into a community center. The project will make the building in compliance with current building codes; and make the building ADA compliant by installing a handicap accessible restroom and making the basement area handicap accessible. The project will make the existing structure more energy efficient by the installation of a HVAC system to replace the existing boiler, installation of energy efficient windows, and upgrading electrical and plumbing work as required. Additional improvements include the installation of a multi-purpose floor, creation of a kitchen area, exterior cleaning, cleaning of basement area, new interior lighting, and demolition of vault interior (however, vault will remain). The project also plans to create green/recreation space outside of the structure. The HUD funding will be used in conjunction with the Community Benefit Trust Fund, Local Share Account, and local funding sources for the project.

**Project Location:** City of Clairton Community Center – 571 Miller Avenue, Clairton, PA 15025

**Estimate CPF funding:** \$750,000; Total Project Cost: \$1,200,000 (estimated). The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Clairton Municipal Building, City Finance Office located at 551 Ravensburg Boulevard Clairton, PA 15025 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Clairton located at the Clairton Municipal Building at 551 Ravensburg Boulevard, Clairton, PA 15025 Attn: Howard Bednar, [manager@cityofclairton.com](mailto:manager@cityofclairton.com). All comments received by January 2, 2024 will be considered by the City of Clairton prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Clairton certifies to HUD that Howard Bednar, in his capacity as City Manager/Finance Director of the City of Clairton, 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 the City of Clairton to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Clairton'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 City of Clairton; (b) the City of Clairton 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 HUD; 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 Pittsburgh HUD Field Office Community Planning and Development Objections at [PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov](mailto:PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact the Pittsburgh HUD Field Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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