

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE OF NOTICE: February 18, 2024

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: Allegheny County
ADDRESS: Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 500
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

TELEPHONE: 412-350-1000

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Braddock Community Builders.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 6, 2024, Allegheny County will authorize the Braddock Community Builders to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of federal Community Project Funding/Economic Development Initiative funding authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328). Funding will be used to completely rehabilitate (gut rehab) the significantly historic buildings at 641-643 Braddock Avenue to provide affordable housing and will reserve at least 50% of the eight affordable apartments for women who are victims of domestic violence and abuse. The Buildings will also feature approx. 3200 square feet of retail space on the ground floor to further the recent community Plan (Braddock, E. Pittsburgh and N. Braddock Community Plan), to revitalize Braddock Avenue with housing and commercial activity. Funding for the project will come from Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending in the amount of \$400,000. Estimated total project cost \$3,550,000. Project implementation period June 2024-December 2025.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file with Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED), Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 500 Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Additional project information can be obtained by contacting the Manager of Operations, at (412) 350-1000 or via email at jim.johnston@alleghenycounty.us

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Review will also be available at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/>. Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Allegheny County Economic Development, Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 500 Pittsburgh, PA 15219 and (412) 350-1000, Attention: Jim Johnston, Operations Manager jim.johnston@alleghenycounty.us All comments received by 4:00 p.m. on March 5, 2024 will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County certifies to HUD that Simone Thomas, in her capacity as Deputy Director, 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 Braddock Community Builders to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Allegheny County'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 the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County; (b) the County has omitted a step or failed to make a determination 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 Field Office of Community Planning and Development via e-mail:

PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov or phone: (412) 644-5846. Potential objectors should contact HUD Pittsburgh Office via email or phone to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
Simone Thomas, Certifying Officer