

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

DATE OF NOTICE: August 22, 2024

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY:  
Allegheny County

ADDRESS: 436 Seventh Ave,  
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 Etna Community Organization.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 9, 2024, Allegheny County will

authorize the Etna Community Organization to submit a

request to the US Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project

Funding (CPF) grant funds under the Community Project

Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending authorized

by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, (P.L.

117-103), to be used for a project known as the Etna

Center for Community. The project proposes the

renovation of the mixed-use building located at 341-343

Butler St, Etna, PA 15223. The project involves demolishing

the 1st floor additions on the back of the building,

constructing a new 1st floor addition in its place, and

renovating the entire first floor to be a library and the upper

two floors to be rental units. The Etna Center for

Community is a sustainable, mixed-use redevelopment

that includes the construction of a multi-municipal public

library and multi-purpose community center. The

project will revitalize Etna's downtown, provide essential

community services, serve as an emergency resilience hub,

and improve housing affordability/supply in the local

community. Core components include site and building

infrastructure improvements, stormwater management,

streetscape enhancements, accessibility upgrades,

hazardous material remediation, public high-speed internet and

technology integration, renewable energy generation

to provide emergency back-up power in event of flood /

storm / power grid failure, energy efficiency

improvements, placemaking efforts, public art, and a public

facility for early childhood education, employment

support services, and lifelong learning programs.

Additionally, the multi-purpose community center will serve

as a food hub for Etna's economically disadvantaged

residents in conjunction with the food bank, a community

garden, and local businesses. Estimated 2024 CPF funding:

\$3,000,000. Total project cost: \$4,148,619.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The County has determined that the above 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 at

[https://cpd.hud.gov](https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews)

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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, Attention: Jim

Johnston, Operations Manager or by email at

[jim.johnston@alleghenycounty.us](mailto:jim.johnston@alleghenycounty.us). All comments received by

September 6, 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

Allegheny County certifies to HUD that Simone McMeans,

Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Deputy Director of

the Allegheny County Department of Economic

Development, 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 Etna Community Organization

to use Congressional Appropriations Community

Project Funding.

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, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite

1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or via e-mail to

[PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov](mailto:PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov). Potential objectors should

contact HUD Pittsburgh Office via email or call 412-644-5846

to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Simone McMeans,  
Certifying Officer