

## COMBINED PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

#### ATLANTIC COUNTY

April 10, 2015

New Jersey Economic Development Authority  
36 West State Street  
PO Box 990  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0990  
609-858-6700

This notice shall satisfy the procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).

Per 24 CFR 58.33, the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI-RROF) will be published simultaneously with the submission of the Request of Release of Funds (RROF). The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster from the impacts of Superstorm Sandy, which made landfall on October 29, 2012. As a result, the comment periods for the NOI-RROF and RROF have been combined.

#### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 20, 2015, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on behalf of EDA will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) pursuant to the Disaster Relief (DR) Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013) for the Neighborhood and Community Revitalization (NCR) program. EDA expects to fund the project using approximately \$474,214 of NCR funds.

The following information pertains to this project:

**Project Title:** City of Pleasantville Main Street Streetscape Improvement Plan  
**Location:** Main Street from Ansley Boulevard to US Route 40/322  
**Estimated Cost:** \$474,214  
**Project Description:** The proposed action involves streetscape improvements along Main Street from Ansley Boulevard to US Route 40/322 in the City of Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey. Streetscape improvements consist of the removal of existing sidewalk and curbing and installing new curbing and decorative sidewalks that complement the streetscape improvements that exist north of US Route 40/322. Brick crosswalks and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant ramps will be provided. Way-finding signage will also be provided to promote the presence of the nearby Bus Terminal. The current sidewalks on Main Street, a County Road (CR 585), are ten feet wide and are in need of replacement or in some areas, are non-existent. As a result of this grant, these sidewalks will be completely replaced and will

provide improved access for residents of all ages and abilities. ADA-compliant ramps will be installed along with clearly designated crosswalks. These improvements will not only provide for a safe pedestrian connection to the Bus Station but also to the Downtown Shopping, Washington Street School, City Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, and neighborhoods to the north of US Route 40/322. The planned walkway connects areas of the downtown, Main Street Elementary School and neighborhoods to the south, with the Bus Terminal.

The NCR Program supports the long-term recovery of small businesses and communities by funding projects that contribute to the economic revitalization throughout New Jersey, but focusing on the nine most impacted counties. NCR supports projects that retain or hire new employees, contribute to the State's economy, serve Low or Moderate Income (LMI) areas, create or maintain LMI jobs, remove slum or blight, or address an urgent need related to Superstorm Sandy. These projects are commercial or mixed use projects, typically development and public improvement or streetscape revitalization.

EDA has determined that the proposed project is Categorically Excluded SUBJECT to §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(1) As such, a Statutory Checklist has been completed in order to determine whether the project is in compliance with the authorities cited at 24 CFR§50.4 and 58.5.

Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, 36 West State Street, PO Box 990, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. by contacting Erin B. Gold at 609-858-6718 or may be viewed online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on this project may submit written comments to Stacy Bonnaffons, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery Division, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 or online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/> and to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. All comments received by April 20, 2015, or seven (7) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later, will be considered by DCA and EDA. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCA certifies (on or about April 20, 2015) to HUD that Chuck A. Richman, in his capacity as Acting Commissioner of DCA 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 the National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and authorities, and allows DCA to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and DCA's certification for a period of seven (7) 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 DCA; (b) DCA 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Acting Commissioner Chuck A. Richman  
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs