Temporary Format: Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 4th, 2020

Brown County Board of Commissioners 800 Mt. Orab Pike, Suite 101, Georgetown, Ohio 45121 937-378-3956

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

On or about, but not before, October 14th, 2020, the Brown County Board of Commissioners will submit a request to the State of Ohio for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following project(s):

Project Name: Private Owner Rehabilitation & Home Repair

Source of Federal Funds: Community Development Block Grant, HOME, and HOME Program Income

Project Description: Repair to or rehabilitation of low-to-moderate income housing

Multi-year Project

Countywide

Estimated Project Cost: \$332,000.00

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for the project(s) is available for review on Brown County Board of Commissioners website at www.browncountyohio.gov. The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to 800 Mt. Orab Pike, Suite101, Georgetown, Ohio 45121 or by email to kcole@browncountyohio.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Brown County Board of Commissioners by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before October 14th, 2020 will be considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Brown County Board of Commissioners certifies to the State of Ohio that Barry L. Woodruff in his capacity as President of County Commissioners 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 State of Ohio's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Brown County Board of Commissioners to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and the Brown County Board of Commissioners 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 Brown County Board of Commissioners; (b) the Brown County Board of Commissioners 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 the State of Ohio; 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 Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development at OCD@development.ohio.gov. Potential objectors should contact the State of Ohio to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Barry L. Woodruff, President, Brown County Board of Commissioners