

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

September 16, 2021

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

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Brown County Board of Commissioners.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about, but not before, October 4th, 2021 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: Target of Opportunity, Downtown Buildings
Source of Federal Funds: Community Development Block Grant, Grant number B-D-19-1AH-1
Renovation of Buildings at 2 & 4 Main Street, Ripley, Ohio 45167
Multi-year project
Village of Ripley, Brown County, Ohio 45167
\$240,000.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Brown County Board of Commissioners 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 of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) which is available for review on the Brown County Commissioners website at WWW.browncountyohio.gov **or** on file at the Brown County Administration Building, 800 Mt. Orab Pike, Suite 101, Georgetown, Ohio 45121 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M. The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Daryll R. Gray, Brown County Commissioner or by email to Kelly Cole, Brown County Commissioners Development office at 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 4th, 2021 will be considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners, prior

to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Brown County Board of Commissioners certifies to the State of Ohio that Daryll R. Gray in his capacity as President, Brown County Board of 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.

Daryll R Gray
Daryll R. Gray, President
Brown County Board of Commissioners

date 9/13/2021