

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)
FOR ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION AND DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY
A MULTI-YEAR TIERED REVIEW(S)

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 Grantee Name: City of Easton
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On or about September 10th the City of Easton will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant Program funds Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L.93-383), to undertake the project activity known as Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Disposition of Property for the purpose of:

This is a multiyear project 2015 to 2019 where the City of Easton will be carrying out property acquisition, rehabilitation and or disposition of 1) single family homes (1 to 4 family dwellings) or 2) non-residential buildings. The project area is the entire City. The activities include: property acquisition, minor rehabilitation and façade improvements of non-residential properties or single family properties, disposition of single family homes, and or rehabilitation of single family owner-occupied homes and or rental homes owned by landlords who apply to the Program. It is estimated that 40 single family occupied units will be rehabilitated over the life of the program. The funding sources are identified below.

Program	2015	2016*	2017*	2018*	2019*
CDBG	\$188,665	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

***Actual annual amount will be identified in the annual action plan.**

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under 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 this project is on file at the office of Community and Economic Development, City of Easton, 1 South Third St, 3rd Floor, Easton, PA 18042 where ERR can be examined and name and address of other locations where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30A.M to 4:30P.M. An environmental review strategy has been prepared and it has been determined that the only applicable site-specific 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6 requirements for the subject program are: historic preservation, explosive/flammable operations, toxic substances, and flood insurance. Each site shall be reviewed against these factors, with compliance fully documented, before approving any specific loans or grants. Site specific projects determined to exceed one or more of the environmental constraints established for the program will require a separate environmental review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Easton, Office of Community and Economic Development. All comments received by September 10th will be considered by the City of Easton prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Easton certifies to Department of Housing and Urban Development that Salvatore J. Panto in his capacity as Mayor 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. Department of Housing and Urban Development approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Easton to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Easton'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 one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Easton; (b) the City of Easton 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development; 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development, Philadelphia Regional Office, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Potential objectors should contact Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Salvatore J. Panto