

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

<b>POSTING DATE</b>	January 12, 2023
<b>GRANTEE NAME</b>	Millcreek Township
<b>ADDRESS</b>	C/o Erie County Department of Planning 150 East Front Street, Suite 300 Erie, PA 16507
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### TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

**On or about January 24, 2023**, the County of Erie on behalf of Millcreek Township will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Pittsburgh PA Office) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

**Project Name:** Millcreek Township Sidewalk Replacement Compliance Project- Phase II

**Project Number:** (B-22/21-MC-42-0107)

**Project Location:** Along both sides of Highland Road from West 32nd Street to West 26th Street (SR 20) in Millcreek Township, Erie, County, PA.

**Project Description:** CDBG funds will provide for the removal of existing non-ADA compliant sidewalks along both the east and west side of Highland Road from West 32nd Street to West 26th Street (SR 20) and replace them with 5-foot-wide ADA compliant concrete sidewalks. The driveways along this corridor altered during construction will have a transition to the new sidewalk as well as an apron to the road surface.

### Purpose of Project:

The purpose of the project is to remove existing non-ADA compliant sidewalks and replace them with sidewalks in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Rights of Way, published in the Federal Register for public comments in July 2011.

**Funding Source / Amount:** Multi-year CDBG funds totaling \$186,096: \$165,249 (FY 2022) + \$20,847 (residual FY 2021).

The proposed activity is "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 determination can be reviewed at the following locations Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

- Erie County Department of Planning  
150 East Front Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA 16506  
(814) 451-7330 / [jberdis@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:jberdis@eriecountypa.gov)  
Contact: Joseph T. Berdis, CDBG Administrator
  
- Millcreek Township Municipal Building  
3608 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16506  
(814) 833-6096 / [mwaldinger@millcreektownship.com](mailto:mwaldinger@millcreektownship.com)  
Contact: Matt Waldinger, Director of Planning & Development

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Erie County Department of Planning at the above listed address. All comments received by January 23, 2023 will be considered by County Planning/Millcreek Township prior to authorizing the submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

Millcreek Township certifies to HUD that James Bock, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, 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 Millcreek Township to use the program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Millcreek Township's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 Millcreek Township;
- b. The Township has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- c. The Township 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; or project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec.58.76), and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development at: [phillip.e.mckeough@hud.gov](mailto:phillip.e.mckeough@hud.gov) or at [Anh.T.Ninh@hud.gov](mailto:Anh.T.Ninh@hud.gov) Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sheryl Williams, Secretary  
Millcreek Township