

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE OF NOTICE: OCTOBER 3, 2024
RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: ALLEGHENY COUNTY
436 SEVENTH AVE., SUITE 500
PITTSBURGH, PA 15219
TELEPHONE: 412-350-1000

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 11, 2024, Allegheny County will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Home Investment Partnership Program American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to undertake a project known as 908 Center Street Apartments. The project proposes to acquire and renovate the 16-unit apartment building at 908 Center St., Wilksburg, PA 15221. This is a 4-story historic building that is well suited to provide housing for individuals and couples who are experiencing homelessness. RT proposes to maintain the building as affordable housing for at least a 20-year compliance period associated with the HOME-ARP funding. Rehabilitation activities include: new kitchens and baths; corrected floor plans to improve unit functionality; new HVAC systems-transitioning to individual high efficiency heat pumps to provide heating and air conditioning; insulation in exterior walls and the roof/attic; new roof; new windows; new flooring and other finishes; and modern security and access systems. Proposed HOME-ARP Funding: \$1,800,000. Total Project Cost (estimated): \$3,087,999.

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 <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Allegheny County Economic Development, Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 500 Pittsburgh, PA 15219, Attention: Jim Johnston, Operations Manager or by email at jim.johnston@alleghenycounty.us. All comments received by October 10, 2024, will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Allegheny County certifies to HUD that Simone L. McMeans, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Deputy Director, 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 the County to use HOME-ARP Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Allegheny County'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 the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County; (b) the County has omitted a step or failed to make a determination 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 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Pittsburgh Field Office of Community Planning and Development via e-mail: PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov or by mail: 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Potential objectors should contact HUD Pittsburgh Office via email or mail to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Simone L. McMeans, Certifying Officer