

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

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2025

GRANTEE NAME: ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ADDRESS: ELK COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, P.O. BOX 448, RIDGWAY, PA 15853

TELEPHONE: (814) 776-5335

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 24, 2025 the Elk County Board of Commissioners will submit a request to the Department of Community and Economic Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the **Bergen St./First Ave. Slum & Blight Control** for the purpose of demolition and removal of five uninhabitable and condemned structures. The estimated federal funding for this project is \$38,088.00 while the remaining balance of the project will be covered by non-federal funds. The structure locations are listed as follows:

200 Bergen Street, Johnsonburg, PA
205 Bergen Street, Johnsonburg, PA
201 First Ave, Johnsonburg, PA
205 First Ave, Johnsonburg, PA
207 First Ave, Johnsonburg, PA

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Elk 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) on file at the above address and is available for public examination and upon request. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR for consideration by the Grantee, to Becki Taylor, CDBG Coordinator, Elk County Planning Department, Elk County Courthouse Annex Building, 300 Center Street, P.O. Box 448, Ridgway, PA 15853. Comments should specify which notice is being addressed. All comments received by February 21, 2025 will be considered by the Elk County Board of Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Elk County Board of Commissioners certifies to DCED that M. Fritz Lecker in her capacity as chairperson for the Elk 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. DCED approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Elk County Board of Commissioners to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the Elk 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 grantee; (b) the grantee 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 DCED; 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 Department of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

M. Fritz Lecker, Chairperson
Matthew G. Quesenberry, Commissioner
Gregory J. Gebauer, Commissioner

