

Public Notice

JOINT NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

February 19, 2023

The Jefferson County Commissioners
301 Market St., Steubenville, OH 43952
(740) 283-8500

and

The City of Toronto
416 Clark St., Toronto, OH 43964
(740) 537-3743

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

On or about, but not before, February 28, 2023, the Jefferson County Commissioners and The Mayor of Toronto 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: PY2022 Jefferson County CHIP Program

Source of Federal Funds: HOME and CDBG Funds, as well as Jefferson County HOME & CDBG Housing Program Income funds and City of Toronto HOME & CDBG Housing Program Income funds

Project Description: Private Owner Home Rehabilitation and Home/Building Repair

Multi-year Project with Completion Date of April 30, 2025

Location: Jefferson County including the City of Toronto excluding Steubenville

Estimated Cost of Project: \$694,100

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (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 the project(s) is available for review on Jefferson County's website at www.Jeffersoncountyoh.com and at The City of Toronto's website at www.Torontocity.weebly.com. The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to The Jefferson County Commissioners, 301 Market St., Steubenville, OH 43952 or The City of Toronto, 416 Clark St., Toronto, OH 43964. or by email to (commissioners@jeffersoncountyoh.com or ts@brdband.com).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Jefferson County Commissioners or the City of Toronto by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before February 28, 2023 will be considered by the Jefferson County Commissioners and the City of Toronto prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Jefferson County Commissioners and the City of Toronto certify to the State of Ohio that David C. Maple, President of the Jefferson County Commissioners and John Parker, Mayor of Toronto in their respective capacity as President of Jefferson County Commissioners and Mayor of Toronto consent 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 Jefferson County Commissioners and the City of Toronto to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and the Jefferson County Commissioners and City of Toronto's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date February 28, 2023 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 Jefferson County Commissioners or the City of Toronto; (b) the Jefferson County Commissioners or the City of Toronto 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 Department of Development, 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.

David C. Maple, President of the Jefferson County Commissioners
John Parker, Mayor of the City of Toronto