

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

July 15, 2021

Responsible Entity: Clarion County Board of Commissioners
Clarion County Administration Building
330 Main Street, Clarion, PA 16214-1073
Telephone: (814) 226-4000

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Clarion:

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 2, 2021 the County of Clarion will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following multi-year project:

Borough of Clarion, PA – South Sixth Avenue Reconstruction: Clarion Borough 2019-2021 CDBG Funds (total) - \$308,703. The purpose of this project is to reconstruct South Sixth Avenue and related infrastructure between South Street and Boundary Street. Reconstruction work may include, but not be limited to, paving, shoulder improvements, stormwater system improvements, ditch line improvements, paving of off-street parking spaces, and curbing installation.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Clarion 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 Clarion County Department of Planning and Development, Clarion County Courthouse, 421 Main Street – Suite 22, Clarion, PA 16214 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Clarion County Department of Planning and Development, Clarion County Courthouse, 421 Main Street – Suite 22, Clarion, PA 16214. All comments received by or on July 30, 2021 will be considered by the County of Clarion prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Clarion certifies to DCED that Theodore W. Tharan in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Clarion County 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Clarion to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Clarion'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 County of Clarion; (b) the County of Clarion 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 at: chrhowe@pa.gov. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Theodore W. Tharan, Chairman, Board of Clarion County Commissioners



This Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (Concurrent Notice) covers the following CDBG project: Clarion Borough – South Sixth Avenue Reconstruction. The notice was published in the legal section of the Clarion News on July 15, 2021. The public comment period began on July 16, 2021 and runs through July 30, 2021. In addition to publishing, complete copies of the notice were posted at the Clarion Free Library, 644 Main Street, Clarion, PA, the Clarion County Courthouse, 421 Main Street, Clarion, PA, the Clarion Borough Offices, 1400 East Main Street, Clarion, PA and on the Clarion Borough website. Complete copies of the notice were distributed to the following groups, agencies and persons:

Current members of the Clarion Borough Council, Clarion, PA
Project Area Property Owners (see ERR Document)
Original Consultation Entities and Agencies (see ERR Document)
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Pittsburgh, PA
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Philadelphia, PA
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, NW Regional Office, Meadville, PA
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Housing and Community Development, Harrisburg, PA
Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, Harrisburg, PA
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Northwest Regional Office, Erie, PA
WCCR/WWCH Radio – Clarion, PA
WCUC – Clarion University Radio Station, Clarion, PA