

Public Notice

JOINT NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 13, 2025

The Fayette County Commissioners
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Washington Court House, OH 43160
(740) 335-0720

and The City of Washington Court House
105 N Main St,
Washington Court House, OH 43160
(740) 636-2340

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

On or about, but not before, March 25, 2025, the Fayette County Commissioners and The City Manager of Washington Court House 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: PY2024 Fayette County CHIP Program

Source of Federal Funds: HOME and CDBG Funds, as well as Fayette County HOME & CDBG Housing Program Income funds and City of Washington Court House 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, 2027

Location: Fayette County including the City of Washington Court House

Estimated Cost of Project: \$848,400

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 Fayette County's website at www.fayette-co-oh.com and at The City of Washington Court House's website at www.cityofwch.com. The ERR may also be viewed at the above addresses or provided upon request electronically via email at Tony.anderson@fayette-co-oh.com or JDenen@cityofwch.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Fayette County Commissioners or the City of Washington Court House by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before March 25, 2025 will be considered by the Fayette County Commissioners and the City of Washington Court House prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Fayette County Commissioners and the City of Washington Court House certify to the State of Ohio that Tony Anderson, President of the Fayette County Commissioners and Joseph Denen, City Manager of Washington Court House in their respective capacity as President of Fayette County Commissioners and City Manager of Washington Court House 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 Fayette County Commissioners and the City of Washington Court House to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and the Fayette County Commissioners and City of Washington Court House's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date March 25, 2025 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 Fayette County Commissioners or the City of Washington Court House; (b) the Fayette County Commissioners or the City of Washington Court House 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.

Tony Anderson, President of the Fayette County Commissioners
Joseph Denen, City Manager of the City of Washington Court House