

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

August 5, 2016

Jefferson County Commission
124 E. Washington Street
Charles Town, West Virginia 25414
(304) 728-3284

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Jefferson County Commission.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 24, 2016 the Jefferson County Commission will submit a request to HUD for the release of HUD Economic Development Initiative Special Purpose Grant funds under PL 111-117 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, to undertake a project known as the "Jefferson County Convention and Visitors Bureau (JCCVB), Harpers Ferry Interpretive Welcome Center Building Construction" for the purpose of expanding the existing Welcome Center located at 37 Washington Court, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, including new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant comfort facilities, pedestrian plaza, sidewalks, and additional parking area. The grant amount is \$250,000, with an estimated total project cost of \$700,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Jefferson County Commission 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 Jefferson County Commission, 124 E. Washington Street, Charles Town, West Virginia and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Jefferson County Commission, 124 E. Washington Street, Charles Town, WV 25414. All comments received by August 23rd will be considered by the Jefferson County Commission prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Jefferson County Commission certifies to HUD that Patsy Noland in her capacity as President 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. The HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Jefferson County Commission to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Jefferson County Commission 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 Jefferson County Commission; (b) the Jefferson County Commission 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 HUD Pittsburgh Field Office; 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: John Tolbert, Director, Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Pittsburgh Field Office, William S. Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4004. Potential objectors should contact the Pittsburgh Community Planning and Development Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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