

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

**October 4, 2021
City of Cumberland, Maryland
57 N. Liberty Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502**

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On or about October 12, 2021 the City of Cumberland will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as PBA Jane Frazier Village Sidewalk Improvements (2021 Phase 3), 635 E. First Street in Cumberland, using approximately \$35,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds from the 2021 program year. The total estimated CDBG funds are \$35,000. Total project cost is \$105,000.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Department of Community Development, City Hall, 57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, Maryland and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Cumberland, Department of Community Development, Lower Level City Hall, 57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, Maryland. All comments received by October 12, 2021 will be considered by the City of Cumberland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Cumberland certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Raymond M. Morriss, in his capacity as Mayor, 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Cumberland to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Cumberland's certification for a period of sixteen 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 City of Cumberland; (b) the City of Cumberland 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 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 HUD, Bank of America Building, Tower II, 100 S. Charles Street, Suite 500, Baltimore, MD 21201, Attention: Mr. Charles Halm, Director, Community Planning and Development Division. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.


Raymond M. Morris, Mayor

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