

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS**

March 2, 2022

Knox County Board of Commissioners  
117 East High Street, Suite 161  
Mount Vernon, OH 43050  
740-393-6703

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

On or about, but not before, March 10, 2022, Knox County will request the State of Ohio to release 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 projects:

Project Name: Knox County PY 2020 CDBG Target of Opportunity Program  
Source of Federal Funds: CDBG funds  
Description of the Project: Install a cold room at the Center for Hope in Bladensburg, Ohio  
Single or Multi-Year Project: Single  
Location: Knox County, Ohio  
Estimated Cost of Project: \$60,000

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 at the Knox County Commissioners' Office, 117 East High Street, Suite 161, Mount Vernon, Ohio. The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Knox County Commissioners' Office, 117 East High Street, Suite 161, Mount Vernon, OH 43050 or by email to [jasonbooth@co.knox.oh.us](mailto:jasonbooth@co.knox.oh.us).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Knox County Commissioners by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before Close of Business (4:00 pm) on March 9, 2022 will be considered by Knox County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

Knox County certifies to the State of Ohio that Teresa Bemiller, in her capacity as President of 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. The State of Ohio's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Knox County to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and Knox County'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 Knox County, Ohio; (b) the Knox County Commissioners have 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](mailto:OCD@development.ohio.gov). Potential objectors should contact the State of Ohio to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The address of the certifying officer is:

Teresa Bemiller, President  
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