

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

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Borough of Carlisle
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Borough of Carlisle.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after May 26, 2020, the Borough of Carlisle will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the release of HOME Investment Partnership funds under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-625), as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Acquisition & Demolition of Blighted Duplex; Construction of Duplex

Purpose: The purpose of this HOME-funded project is to create two safe, decent, and sanitary affordable housing units for sale to credit-worthy, low-/moderate-income first-time homebuyers in an area located outside of the 100-year floodplain. The first phase of this project consists of acquisition of 157-159 East South Street, a blighted duplex on 0.19 acres located in the Borough of Carlisle National Register-listed Historic District. The duplex has been vacant since 2013 and sustained significant façade damage in a 2015 fire. The condition of the dwellings are such that they cannot be rehabilitated without significant cost, which would vastly decrease their affordability to low-/moderate-income buyers. The second phase of this project is demolition of the existing duplex. After demolition of the duplex, the foundation will be excavated and removed, and the front half of the lot – located in the 100-year floodplain – will be graded for construction of a paved off-street parking area. The third phase of the project involves construction of a new duplex outside of the 100-year floodplain.

Location: 157-159 East South Street, Carlisle, PA 17013

Estimated Cost: DCED HOME Funds - \$500,000 (Contract # C000069523 FFY2018)
Total Project Cost - \$529,792

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Borough of Carlisle 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 Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities. The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. Mail. Please submit your request by U.S. Mail to Chris Rafferty, Community Development Director, Cumberland County Housing & Redevelopment Authorities, 114 N. Hanover St., Carlisle, PA 17013, by email to crafferty@cchra.com, or by telephone at (717) 249-0789, extension 130.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Chris Rafferty, Community Development Director, Cumberland County Housing & Redevelopment Authorities by mail: 114 N. Hanover St., Carlisle, PA 17013; or via email to crafferty@cchra.com. All comments received by May 22, 2020 will be considered by the Borough of Carlisle prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Borough of Carlisle certifies to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development that Tim Scott in his capacity as Mayor of the Borough of Carlisle 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 Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Borough of Carlisle to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the Borough of Carlisle'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 Borough of Carlisle; (b) the Borough of Carlisle has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 C.F.R. 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 C.F.R. Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 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 C.F.R. Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Christine Howe, Center for Community Development & Housing, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development at chrhowe@pa.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tim Scott, Mayor
Borough of Carlisle