



Venango County Regional Planning Commission

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: June 27, 2025

Grantee Name: County of Venango

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

This notice shall satisfy the procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the County of Venango.

On or about **July 11, 2025**, the above-named Grantee will request that the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) release funds for the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) in the amount of **\$30,000** to undertake a project known as the **Venango County Demolition/Clearance Program** for the purpose of performing demolition and clearance activities at locations owned by the local government which are condemned and/or blighted and in-need of removal due to significant concerns for health and safety. These properties will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may be located in **Sugarcreek Borough**. The scope of anticipated activities included in this project will be limited to demolition and clearance in order to reduce blight. The ultimate purpose of this project is to reduce the spread of blight throughout the County. The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An environmental review record (ERR) which documents the Environmental Review of these projects has been made available by the Grantee. The ERR is on file at the Venango County Regional Planning Commission, 1168 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA 16323, and is available for public examination and copying upon request. The ERR can also be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to 1168 Liberty Street, PO Box 831, Franklin, PA 16323 or by email to alex.shreffler@venangocountypa.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following websites: www.venangocountypa.gov/Planning

PUBLIC COMMENT ON FINDINGS

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Grantee to the Venango County Regional Planning Commission, 1168 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA 16323. Such written comments must be received **on or before July 10, 2025**. Comments shall specify which part of the notice they are addressing. All such comments so received will be considered and the Grantee will not request the release of SCP funds or take any administrative action on the above-named projects prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Venango also certifies to DCED that **Samuel H. Breene**, the Certifying Officer of Venango County, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to Environmental Reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities, and allows Venango County to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds for Venango 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 Venango County; (b) Venango County 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 DCED; 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 Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Building, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg PA 17120-0225 or emailed to Christine Howe at chrhowe@pa.gov. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer: Samuel H. Breene, Venango County Commissioner



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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW TIME SCHEDULE

Community Development Block Grant 2024 – Venango County Demolition/Clearance Program OBO Sugar Creek Borough

Municipality: Venango County
Contact Person: Alexandria Shreffler, Geospatial Analyst – 814-432-9676 or Alex.Shreffler@VenangoCountyPA.gov
Certifying Officer: Samuel Breene, Venango County Commissioner (Chair)

ACTION		DATE
1. Required Notice(s): Request for Release of Funds (RROF)		
Public Comment Period: 7 days with publication / 10 days without publication	FROM:	June 27, 2025
	TO:	July 10, 2025
2. Deadline for Receipt of Public Comments to Responsible Entity		July 10, 2025
3. Submission of Form HUD-7015.15 to DCED		July 11, 2025
4. Approximate Date Received by DCED		July 11, 2025
5. Statutory 15-Day Waiting Period for Receipt of Comments to DCED	FROM:	July 14, 2025
	TO:	August 1, 2025
6. Deadline for Receipt of Objections to DCED		August 1, 2025
7. Approximate Date of DCED Authority to Use Grant Funds		August 4, 2025