

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

PUBLICATION DATE: September 23, 2024

GRANTEE NAME: Prince George's County, Maryland

SUBGRANTEE NAME: The Town of Bladensburg and Town of Edmonston

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Prince George's County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after October 9, 2024, Prince George's County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Community Planning and Development Division. The request will be for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

- 1) The Town of Edmonston proposes to use HUD Funding to construct new sidewalks, curbs, and accessibility ramps along the eastern side of 52nd Avenue from 5005 52nd Avenue to Crittenden Street and along the northern side of Crittenden Street from 52nd Avenue to the Crittenden Street Park. The activities in this project include milling, paving, and construction of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. This project will improve accessibility, safety, and walkability. Additionally, the sidewalk would provide safe passage for children to get to the bus stop at 52nd Avenue and Decatur Street and to the park located at 5000 Crittenden Street. This project is in Census Tract 8063.01, Group 2, which has a low/moderate income percentage of 56.71% and will provide accessibility and safety to pedestrians and vehicles. The proposed Federal funding is approximately \$75,000.
- 2) The Town of Bladensburg proposes to HUD funding for additional street lighting for a census tract low-to-moderate income neighborhood. The project would allow for the installation of 10 streetlights along 57th Avenue between 58th Avenue and Emerson Street. The lights are needed to improve safety and help residents better connect with businesses and transit. The proposed Federal funding is approximately \$180,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Prince George's County 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 Prince George's County, Department of Housing and Community Development, 9200 Basil Court, Suite 306, Largo, MD

20774. The ERR is posted on the HUD Exchange at <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Prince George's County, Department of Housing and Community Development; Attn: Julius N. Mbotiji, by e-mail to Jnmbotiji@co.pg.md.us. All comments received by October 8, 2024, will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Prince George's County certifies to HUD that Ashley Johnson-Hare, in her capacity as Deputy Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, 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 Prince George's County to use HOME funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Prince Georges 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 Prince Georges County; (b) Prince George's 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 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 submitted by e-mail to CPD_COVID-19OEE-DC@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD by e-mail to Michael D. Rose, Director, Community Planning and Development Division, HUD Washington, DC Field Office, at Michael.D.Rose@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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Department of Housing and Community Development