

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

PUBLICATION DATE: April 17, 2025
GRANTEE NAME: Somerset County
ADDRESS: 300 North Center Ave
Somerset, PA 15501
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Somerset County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 5, 2025, Somerset County (County) will submit a request to the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to release federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) (Act), as amended, to be used for the project known as Hooversville Borough Water System Improvements Phase 2. The project consists of the installation of approximately 8,500 L.F. of distribution water line with all necessary appurtenances within the Hooversville Water System. Work includes replacement of water lines, replacement of water service lines from the water main to the property line, and the replacement of residential water meters within the borough. The existing water lines are 4" and 8" in diameter and will be replaced with 6" and 8" PVC C900 pipe. Water line will be installed along Maple Avenue, Myers Street, Park Avenue, Ober Street, Hoover Street, Rodgers Street, Lohr Street, Railroad Street, Water Street, and Main Street in Hooversville Borough, Somerset County, PA. Estimated CDBG Funding: \$1,800,000. Total estimated project cost: \$1,800,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County has determined that the above projects 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 Records (ERR) on file at the Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County, 300 North Center Avenue, Suite 520, Somerset, PA 15501 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERRs to the redevelopment authority at the above address. All comments received by May 2, 2025, 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

The County certifies to DCED that Brian K. Fochtman, certifying officer, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board 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. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the 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 the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County; (b) the County has omitted a step or failed to make a determination 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: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development at chrhowe@pa.gov. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Brian K. Fochtman, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners