

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds (NIORROF)

December 8, 2016
Village of Whitehall
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Whitehall, NY 12887
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On or about Saturday, December 19th, 2016, the Village of Whitehall will submit a request to the Office of Community Renewal for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as “Village of Iliion Neighborhood Sewer Improvements – Phase II” for the purpose of replacing deteriorated sewer infrastructure, in kind, within the East Street area of the Village. Total project costs are estimated at \$660,000. These actions will help to eliminate a significant health and safety hazard for residents in the target neighborhood.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from national Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at The Village of Whitehall Town Hall, 57 Skenesborough Drive, Whitehall, NY 12887 and may be examined or copied weekdays, excluding Wednesdays, from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Village of Whitehall. All comments received by Friday, December 16th, 2016 will be considered by the Village of Whitehall prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Village of Whitehall certifies to the Office of Community Renewal that Stephanie LaChapelle in her capacity as Village Clerk 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 Office of Community Renewal’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Village of Whitehall to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Office of Community Renewal will accept objections to its release of fund and the Village of Whitehall’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 Village of Whitehall; (b) the Village of Whitehall 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 the Office of Community Renewal; 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 Christian Leo, President, at Office of Community Renewal, Hampton Plaza, 38-40 State Street, 4th Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Potential objectors should contact the Office of Community Renewal to verify the actual last day of the objection period.