

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

April 20, 2020

Town of Ellington

813 West Main Street

Ellington, NY 14732

716-287-2026

On or about May 5, 2020 the Town of Ellington 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 the Ellington Trailer Replacement Program 2019 for the purpose of assisting approximately 3 low-moderate income manufactured home owners in the Town of Ellington with replacement of units that have been determined to be dilapidated and beyond repair. The goal is to preserve the community's housing stock and energize the process of community revitalization by improving some of the most distressed housing in the Town. This is a non-targeted rehab program available to income eligible owner-occupied manufactured homes throughout the Town of Ellington. This project will use \$499,000 in CDBG funds. The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirement. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). 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 Karen Bifaro, Supervisor, Town of Ellington, PO Box 344, Ellington, NY 14732 no later than April 28, 2020 to allow time for mail transit. Requests may also be submitted by email to [supervisor@ellingtonny.org](mailto:supervisor@ellingtonny.org). The ERR can also be accessed online at [www.ellingtonny.org](http://www.ellingtonny.org).

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR by mail to Karen Bifaro, Supervisor, Town of Ellington, PO Box 344, Ellington, NY 14732 or by email to [supervisor@ellingtonny.org](mailto:supervisor@ellingtonny.org). All comments received via mail or email by May 4, 2020 will be considered by the Town of Ellington prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The Town of Ellington certifies to the Office of Community Renewal that Karen Bifaro in her capacity as Town Supervisor 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 acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the Town of Ellington to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The Office of Community Renewal will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Ellington 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 Town of Ellington; (b) the Town of Ellington 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Crystal Robinson-Loffler, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Community Renewal, at

crystal.Loffler@nyshcr.org. Potential objectors should contact OCRINFO@nyshcr.org via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.  
Karen Bifaro, Town Supervisor, Town of Ellington