

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

**TOWN OF UNION
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
3111 EAST MAIN STREET
ENDWELL, NEW YORK 13760
607-786-2985**

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements. An electronic version of the Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Action Plan containing more detailed project specific information is available online at www.townofunion.com. Printed copies are available at the Town of Union Planning Department-Town Hall, Johnson City Village Hall, Endicott Village Hall, George F. Johnson Memorial Library (Endicott) and Your Home Public Library (Johnson City).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 21, 2018, the Town of Union will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL93-383) as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1977 (PL95-128), to undertake the 44th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program (Federal Fiscal Year 2018) for the following purposes:

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| PROJECT: | Economic Development Program |
| PURPOSE: | To aid existing and new Town of Union commercial and industrial businesses, to create job opportunities for low and moderate-income persons, and to promote social and economic development through various loan programs. |
| LOCATION: | Townwide |
| ESTIMATED COST: | \$263,088 (Including Program Income) |
| PROJECT: | Housing Programs |
| PURPOSE: | To promote decent, safe, and affordable owner-occupied housing in the Town. |
| LOCATION: | Townwide |
| ESTIMATED COST: | \$220,000 (Including Program Income) |
| PROJECT: | Public Services Program |
| PURPOSE: | To provide low and moderate-income residents of the Town of Union with public services. |
| LOCATION: | Townwide |
| ESTIMATED COST: | \$142,750 |
| PROJECT: | Program Administration/Planning |
| PURPOSE: | To aid in the administration and implementation of various CDBG activities. |
| LOCATION: | Town Hall |
| ESTIMATED COST: | \$206,331 |
| PROJECT: | Public Facilities and Infrastructure |
| PURPOSE: | To aid in the improvement of existing infrastructure in CDBG eligible neighborhoods. |
| LOCATION: | CDBG Target Areas/Service Areas |
| ESTIMATED COST: | \$475,000 |
| PROJECT: | Clearance and Demolition Program |
| PURPOSE: | To aid in the demolition, on an individual action/spot basis, of blighted structures for which an order for demolition has been issued by the Town of Union or the Villages of Endicott and Johnson City. |
| LOCATION: | Townwide |
| ESTIMATED COST: | \$71,500 |

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Union 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 the Town of Union Planning Department at the address listed above and may be examined or copied weekdays (Monday through Friday) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. More specific information regarding each proposed activity is available in the Community Development section of the Town web page at www.townofunion.com.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Town of Union Department of Planning. Such written comments should be addressed to Paul A. Nelson, Planning Director at the above referenced address by 4:00 PM on Monday, September 17, 2018. Comments may also be submitted by the deadline via electronic mail to cdbg@townofunion.com. All comments received by 4:00 PM on Monday, September 17, 2018 will be considered by the Town of Union prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds (RROF). Commenters should specify which part of this notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Union certifies to HUD that Rose A. Sotak, in her capacity as 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town of Union to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Town of Union's certification received by October 9, 2018 or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the Town of Union approved by HUD; or (b) the Town of Union 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Lafayette Court, 465 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203-1713. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Paul A. Nelson
Environmental Certifying Officer