

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 12, 2020

City of Decatur
1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza
Decatur, IL 62523

**This notice shall satisfy procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the
City of Decatur**

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 19, 2020 the City of Decatur will submit an emergency request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) funds under Title I of the Community Development Act of 1974, to undertake the following projects:

1. CDBG-CV Administration, allocation of \$100,000.00 for planning, project oversight, monitoring, reporting and budgeting. This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under section 58.35(a)(3).
2. CDBG-CV Economic Development, allocation of \$222,477.00 Potential assistance for small businesses with challenges due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Limited to the corporate city limits of Decatur. This project is categorically excluded from environmental review under section 58.35(b)(4).
3. CDBG-CV Public Services allocation of \$511,810.00 Potential assistance for non-profit agencies to assist their clientele with challenges due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Limited to the corporate city limits of Decatur. This project is categorically excluded from environmental review under section 58.35(b)(2).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Decatur Neighborhood Services Division. All comments received by August 19, 2020 will be considered by the City of Decatur prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Decatur certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Scot Wrighton in his capacity as City Manager 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. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Decatur to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Decatur'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 City of Decatur; (b) the City of Decatur 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Planning Department ; 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 Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region V, Community Planning and Development, at the following email: CPD_COVID-19OEE-CHI@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD, Region V Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Scot Wrighton, City Manager