

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIPROF)

October 17, 2022

Seneca County, NY
1 DiPronio Drive
Waterloo, NY 13165-1680
315-539-1700

On or about October 25, 2022, Seneca County 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 INHS Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Project for the purpose of renovating and improving the Verona Village Apartments, a senior living complex located in Ovid, NY. This project will include \$4,889,311 in CDBG funding with a total estimated project cost of \$9,902,941.

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 Seneca County Department of Planning and Community Development, 1 DiPronio Drive, Waterloo, NY 13165 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M. An appointment may be made by calling 315-539-1730. The ERR is also available for review at <https://www.co.seneca.ny.us/gov/admin/planning/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Seneca County Department of Planning and Community Development at the address above or by email at jhenry@co.seneca.ny.us. All comments received by October 24, 2022 will be considered by the Seneca County Department of Planning and Community Development prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Seneca County, NY certifies to the Office of Community Renewal that Mitchell Rowe, in his capacity as County 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. The Office of Community Renewal's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows Seneca County, NY to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Office of Community Renewal will accept objections to its release of funds and Seneca 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 one of the following bases:

(a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Seneca County, NY; (b) Seneca County 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 Crystal Loffler, Acting 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.

Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County Manager
Certifying Officer