

Legal Notice

Notice to the Public of Intent to Request Release of Funds

Date: February 9, 2017

Name of Grantee: Town of Leonardtown

Address of Grantee: PO Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Phone Number of Grantee: 301-475-9791

The purpose of this Notice is to identify actions to be taken by the Town of Leonardtown, MD. On or about 2/17/2017 the above named Town will request that the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development release federal funds from the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program to be used for the following project:

Project Title: Leonardtown Town Hall – ADA Accessible Elevator & Fire Safety Project.

Purpose of Project: Install elevator and fire sprinkler system to second floor of new town offices.

Location: 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Total Project Cost: \$300,000

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Leonardtown has prepared an Environmental Review Record on the project(s) described in this Notice and has determined said project(s) to be Categorically Excluded under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) as amended.

The Environmental Review Record which documents the Environmental Review of these project(s) is available for public examination at the Town offices during normal business hours.

Request for Release of Funds

The Town will undertake the project described above with Maryland Community Development Block Grant funds. This Notice also certifies that Daniel Burris, serving in the official capacity of Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is to be brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and certifies that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibility under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town to use CDBG funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

Objections to the release of funds will be accepted by the Department of Housing and Community Development only if one or more of the following apply: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Certifying Officer; or (b) that the Town has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; or (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by this part before Release of Funds and approval of the environmental certification by DHCD; 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. All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments to the Town and to the CDBG Environmental Officer, MD Department of Housing and Community Development, 7800 Harkins Road, Lanham, MD 20706. All such comments must be received no later than 3/7/2017.