

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

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Grantee Name: City of Columbus

Address: 300 E. Maple, Columbus, KS 66725

Telephone Number: 620-429-2159

On or after March 24, 2020, the City of Columbus will submit a request to the State of Kansas for the release of Federal Funds from the Community Development Block Grant program under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

Project Number: 20-PF-004

Project Name: City of Columbus Street Improvement Project

Project Type: This project consists of reconstructing the existing two-lane street with asphalt pavement, concrete curb and gutter and new concrete driveway approaches, concrete surfacing for valley gutters, handicap access ramp, driveway entrances and any necessary traffic/street signs. Additional items include the installation of curb inlets/junction boxes tied together with Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) and outlet into existing storm sewers and/or drainage ditches adjacent to the project.

Project Location: High School St from north side of Maple to 100' south of US 160, Cherokee County, KS

Estimated HUD/CDBG Funds: \$600,000

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$1,200,000

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City Hall, 300 E. Maple, Columbus and may be examined or copied M-F 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City Clerk's office at 300 E. Maple, Columbus. All comments received by March 23, 2020 will be considered by the City of Columbus prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Columbus certifies to the State of Kansas that Grant Spieth in his capacity as Mayor 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 State of Kansas's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Columbus to use HUD/CDBG program funds.

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

The State of Kansas will accept objections to its release of funds and the grantee's certification for a period of 15 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 grantee; (b) the grantee 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 State of Kansas; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant of 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 the Kansas Department of Commerce, CDBG Program, 1000 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66612. Potential objectors should contact Commerce to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Grant Spieth, Mayor

Name and Title of Certifying Officer

City of Columbus, 300 E. Maple, Columbus, KS 66725

Name and Address of Grantee