

NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Stockport, Iowa.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after 25 August 2023 the City of Stockport will submit a request to the State of Iowa, Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under TITLE 1 of the HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, as amended (P.L. 97-35) to undertake the following project:

Project Title: IEDA CDBG 23-WS-016

Purpose: Wastewater System Improvements

Location: Stockport, IA

Estimated Cost: \$1,015,000 (CDBG \$500,000)

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 25 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Stockport City Hall, 212 S Main St. Stockport, IA 52651 or Area 15 Regional Planning Commission in Ottumwa and may be examined or copied at Stockport City Hall by appointment or weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M at Area 15 Regional Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Stockport City Hall, P.O. Box 15, Stockport, IA 52651. All comments received by 25 August 2023 will be considered by the City of Stockport prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Stockport certifies to IEDA that Nathan Larsh 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. Iowa Economic Development Authority 's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Stockport to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Iowa Economic Development Authority will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Stockport 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 Stockport; (b) the City of Stockport 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 IEDA; 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 Iowa Economic Development Authority at 1963 Bell Ave., Ste. 200, Des Moines, IA 50315. Potential objectors should contact the IEDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
Nathan Larsh, Mayor, City of Stockport