

CDBG-NR-RROF # 02

TOWN OF SPENCER

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION (CDBG-NR) PROGRAM

August 6, 2024

Town of Spencer
460 South Salisbury Avenue
P.O. Box 45
Spencer, NC 28159
704-633-2231

On or about **Wednesday, August 14, 2024**, the Town of Spencer will submit a request to the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division (State CDBG Program) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, (P.L. 93-838), as amended, to undertake a project known as the Spencer Housing Rehabilitation Program for the purpose of scattered-site owner-occupied housing rehabilitation projects in Spencer, for which the Town of Spencer received a grant award of \$750,000.00. The specific project for which funds are being requested is an Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Project at 814 4th Street, Spencer NC 28159.

The activities for which funds are being requested 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 Spencer Town Hall, 460 South Salisbury Avenue, Spencer NC 28159 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Anna Kanode Ward, Town Clerk, at Award@spencernc.gov or 704-633-2231. All comments received by **Wednesday, August 14, 2024**, will be considered by the Town of Spencer prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of Spencer certifies to the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division (State CDBG Program) that Jonathan Williams in his capacity as Mayor of the Town of Spencer 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Spencer to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division (State CDBG Program) will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Spencer'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 Town of Spencer; (b) the Town of Spencer 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; 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 the North Carolina Department of Commerce State CDBG Program at 301 North Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1058. Potential objectors should contact North Carolina Department of Commerce State CDBG Program to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jonathan Williams, Mayor
Town of Spencer
