

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

October 31, 2016

County of Montgomery
755 Roanoke Street
Christiansburg, VA 24703

540-394-2148

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 21, 2016 the County of Montgomery will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Prices Fork Comprehensive Revitalization Project, for the purpose of support affordable housing, economic development and local food access for residents of the New River Valley located on Prices Fork Road in Montgomery County, VA, with approximately \$1.23 million in Community Development Block Grant funds, \$1.27 million in Housing Trust Fund monies and \$500,000 in Appalachian Regional Commission funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Montgomery County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 AND the New River Valley Regional Commission at 6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 124, Radford, VA 24141 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Montgomery County, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073. All comments received by November 18, 2016 will be considered by Montgomery County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Montgomery County certifies to DHCD that Craig Meadows in his capacity as Montgomery County Administrator 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. DHCD'S approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Montgomery County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and Montgomery County's certification received by December 6, 2016 or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the County of Montgomery approved by DHCD; (b) the (RE) 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds 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. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to DHCD at:

Director
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office
Main Street Centre
600 E. Main St., Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430
(804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Craig Meadows, Montgomery County Administrator/Certifying Officer
County of Montgomery
755 Roanoke Street
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