

COMBINED NOTICE

NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Chester, 100 West End Street, Chester, SC 29706; (803) 581-2123

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 20, 2020, the City of Chester will submit a request to the South Carolina Department of Commerce, Grants Administration for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project: City of Chester Pavilion, CDBG # 4-SP-19-002

Purpose: Construction of an open-air pavilion for use as a farmer's market and event space on vacant space behind existing buildings owned by the City using an estimated \$150,000 in CDBG funding and \$37,750 in non-Federal funding.

Location: 111 & 113 Columbia Street in the City of Chester in Chester County, SC.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Chester 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Ms. Stephanie Jackson, City Administrator, City of Chester, West End Street, Chester, SC 29706 or by email to sjackson@chester.sc.gov Information about the ERR can also be accessed online at the City's website at www.chestersc.org

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments to Community Development Office, Catawba Regional Council of Governments, PO Box 450 / 215 Hampton Street, Rock Hill, SC 29731. All comments received by May 20, 2020 will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Chester certifies to the South Carolina Department of Commerce (DOC) that Stephanie Jackson, in her capacity as City 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. DOC's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Chester to use CDBG Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE FUNDS

DOC will accept objections to its release of funds and the City'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 City's Certifying Officer; (b) The City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) The City 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 DOC; 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 procedure (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Department of Commerce, Grants Administration, 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Potential objectors should contact the DOC Environmental Officer to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Stephanie Jackson, City Administrator, City of Chester, SC

Date: May 1, 2020