

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

September 1, 2026
Clermont County
101 E. Main Street
Batavia, OH 45103
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On or about September 16, 2026, Clermont County will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), as amended, to undertake the following projects:

- **25-2 Wayne Township Former School Restroom Modernization Project**
 - Project description: Upgrade and modernize the existing public restrooms in the township administration building. All existing restroom fixtures are original construction, not ADA compliant, and only partly functional.
 - Location: 794 Wright Street, Batavia, Ohio
 - Total cost: \$70,000.

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 101 E. Main Street, Batavia, OH 45103 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Clermont County Community & Economic Development Department at the address listed above or to the email address spartin@clermontcountyohio.gov. All comments received before September 16, 2026, will be considered by Clermont County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Clermont County certifies to HUD that Bonnie Batchler, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as President of the Board of County Commissioners 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Clermont County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Clermont County'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 Clermont County; (b) Clermont County 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 HUD; 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 CPD Director, HUD Columbus Field Office electronically at email address: CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Bonnie Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners, Certifying Officer