

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 10, 2026  
Clermont County  
101 E. Main Street  
Batavia, OH 45103  
513-732-7997

On or about April 20, 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:

- **24-1 Bethel Historical Museum Concrete Asphalt Project**
  - Project description: Repair/replace cracked/spalled concrete around entrance to museum (including front steps), sidewalks, and historical memorial (stone around memorial will be saved and reset) and flagpole, repave asphalt parking lot, and replace 5 concrete windowsills at building.
  - Location: 235 W Plane Street, Bethel, Ohio
  - Total cost: \$50,000.
- **24-3 Village of Chilo Street Resurfacing and Post Office Accessibility Improvement**
  - Project description: Repaving of Hamilton Street from Washington to US 52, adding 3 parking spots for post office, repairing walk to post office and steps, and adding a ramp to side entrance.
  - Location: US 52 to Washington Street, and 302 Washington Street, Chilo, Ohio
  - Total cost: \$145,000
- **24-12 Village of Moscow Street Paving**
  - Project description: Full depth repaving of Wells St, 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Hazel Alley, and Currant Alley
  - Location: Village of Moscow, Ohio
  - Total cost: \$150,000
- **24-16 Grant Museum Statue**
  - Project description: Installation of Ulysses S. Grant sculpture in front of the Grant Memorial Building which houses the Bethel Historical Society and Museum.
  - Location: 235 W Plane Street, Bethel, Ohio
  - Total cost: \$225,000.
- **24-17 America 250 Historical Art Murals**
  - Project description: Creation of 3 murals celebrating the America 250-Ohio project.
  - Locations:
    - 527 Lila Avenue, Milford, Ohio at Five Points Landing Park
    - 594 W Main Street, Williamsburg, Ohio at the Public Library
    - 305 W Plane Street, Bethel, Ohio at the Ben Franklin 5-10 Store
  - Total cost: \$53,000

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](mailto:spartin@clermontcountyohio.gov). All comments received before April 20, 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](mailto: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