

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

6/9/2023

County of Greene

411 Main Street

Catskill, NY 12414

518-719-3290

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 26, 2023 the County of Greene will submit a request to the Office of Community Renewal for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Greene County Microenterprise Assistance Program for the purpose of providing working capital grants to Greene County businesses with five or fewer employees with the objective to achieve job creation opportunities for low-to-moderate-income individuals.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Greene 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 411 Main Street, Suite 419, Catskill NY and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Greene County Director of Economic Development. All comments received by June 24th, 2023 will be considered by the County of Greene prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Greene certifies to the Office of Community Renewal that James Hannahs in his/her capacity as Director of Economic Development 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 Office of Community Renewal's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Greene to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Office of Community Renewal will accept objections to its release of fund and the County of Greene'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 County of Greene; (b) the County of Greene 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 Office of Community Renewal; 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 Crystal Loffler, Acting President, at Office of Community Renewal, Hampton Plaza, 38-40 State Street, 4th Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Potential objectors should contact the Office of Community Renewal to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James Hannahs, Director of Economic Development, County of Greene