Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 4, 2026

Ashland County Commissioners
110 Cottage Street, Ashland Ohio 44805
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City of Ashland
206 Claremont Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805
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To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

On or about, but not before, March 16, 2026, the Ashland County Commissioners **and** the City of Ashland will submit a request to the State of Ohio for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following project(s):

Project Name: PY2025 CHIP Program
Source of Funds: CDBG, HOME, Ashland County HOME Program Income Funds
and Ashland City HOME Program Income Funds
Activities will include Owner Rehabilitation and Owner Home Repair
This will be a multi-year project
Located in Ashland County
The Estimated Cost of the Project is $848,200

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (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 the project(s) is available for review on Ashland County's Website at www.ashlandcountyoh.us and upon the City of Ashland's Website at www.ashland-ohio.com The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Ashland County Commissioners at 110 Cottage Street, Ashland, Ohio 44805 or by email to mwelch@ashlandcounty.org **or** the City of Ashland at 206 Claremont Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805 or by email to mayor@ashland-ohio.com .

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Ashland County Commissioners **or** the City of Ashland by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before March 16,2026 will be considered by the Ashland County Commissioners and the City of Ashland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Ashland County Commissioners and the City of Ashland certifies to the State of Ohio that Michael E. Welch, President of the Commissioners, and Matt Miller, Mayor of the City in *their* capacity as President of County Commissioners and Mayor of Ashland consent 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 State of Ohio's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Ashland County Commissioners and City of Ashland to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and the (Responsible Entity'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 Ashland County Commissioners or the City of Ashland; (b) the Ashland County Commissioners and the City of Ashland 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 State of Ohio; 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 Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Development at OCD@development.ohio.gov. Potential objectors should contact the State of Ohio to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael E. Welch, President of the Commissioners
Matt Miller, Mayor of Ashland