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Legal Notice

Notice to public of finding no significant impact on the environment and notice of Request for Release of Funds.

DATE: 11/22/2019 City of Mansfield, Office of Community Development 30 North Diamond Street, 8th Floor Mansfield, OH 44902

To All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

On or about December 11, 2019, the City of Mansfield will request the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Section 288 of the Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assist Assistance Act, as amended, to be used for the following projects:

1) UMADAOP S.A.L.T. PROGRAM

The Student Achievement Leadership Training (SALT) Program is focused on drug prevention for at-risk youth, eliminating community blight, and creating youth economic development activity through education and mentoring services. The funds will be used as a contribution to staff the mentoring program and increase the number of youth age 16-19 assisted. This project is exempt under 58.34(a)(4) Public Services with no Physical Impact.

Project Cost:	\$25,000
Location:	City Wide
Census Tract:	City Wide

2) North End Community Improvement Collaborative

To help create a revolving loan fund for potential low- to moderate-income entrepreneurs who successfully complete the organization's Microbusiness Development program and apply for assistance with a new business plan. This project is categorically excluded not subject to 58.5 under 58.35(b)(4) Economic Development Activities.

Project Cost:	\$5,000
Location:	City Wide
Census Tract:	City Wide

3) Richland County Transit Board

This Public Service project investment will be leveraged with other funding to provide door-door transportation for persons that are elderly and /or disabled that are not able to use regular fixed routes. This project is categorically excluded not subject to 58.5 under 58.35 (b) (2) Supportive Services.

Project Cost:	\$61,337.32
Location:	City Wide
Census Tract:	City Wide



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4) City of Mansfield, Parks and Recreation

The Summer Recreation Internships will be used to staff the Parks Recreation Summer program. The summer program will take place at Ocie Hill, North Lake Park, Prospect Park, and South Park. The mission of the Park and Recreation Department is to provide a safe, friendly environment for residents of Mansfield to enjoy. This project is exempt under 58.34(a)(4) Public Services with no Physical Impact.

Project Cost:	\$12,800
Location:	City Wide
Census Tract:	City Wide

5) Harmony House Get to Work!

For a pilot program to assist homeless individuals who have gained employment the opportunity to retain the job through providing transportation to or from the job site for shifts outside of public transportation hours until the client has begun receiving paychecks. It will also provide specialized attire such as boots/shoes/clothing needed to help the clients retain their employment. This project is exempt under 58.34(a)(4) Public Services with no Physical Impact.

Project Cost:	\$9,000
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	31

6) MANSFIELD METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY EMERGENCY MONTHLY PAYMENTS

Emergency monthly housing payments up to 3-months of assistance for a total payment of no more than \$1,500 to eligible families for foreclosure prevention and emergency rental payment, as well as security and utility deposits. This project is exempt under 58.34(a)(4) Public Services with no Physical Impact.

Project Cost:	\$20,087.32
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	City Wide

7) City Wide Emergency Rehabilitation

To offer emergency rehabilitation of residential owner-occupied one and two family structures. The rehab will assist to prevent health, safety, or code deficiency and/or eliminate a specific condition or decay. This project is categorically excluded subject to 58.5 under 58.35(a)(3), One to four family dwelling rehabilitation or improvement.

Project Cost:	\$109,204.04
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	City Wide

8) HARMONY HOUSE ROOF REPAIRS

Funds will be used for emergency roof repairs to the shelter's roof. This project is categorically excluded subject to 58.5 under 24 CFR 58.35(a)(1) Rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements other than buildings.



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Project Cost:	\$12,000
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	Census Tract 31

9) ST. PETER'S PARISH & SCHOOL WALL & FENCE BEAUTIFICATION

To remove and replace, make concrete repairs and paint the wall along the raised parking lot on the corner of South Mulberry and West First streets on the parish/school campus. This project is categorically excluded subject to 58.5 under 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(iii) Rehabilitation of non-residential structures including commercial, industrial, and public buildings.

Project Cost:	\$17,754
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	Census Tract 5

10) NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Direct funds to activities within LMI neighborhoods for revitalization. Geographic Priorities are located within the Consolidated Plan, and include major corridors to the City. This project is categorically excluded subject to 58.5 under 58.35(a)(1-6) Combinations of the above activities.

Project Cost:	\$127,248.87
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	City Wide

11) TARGET AREA ST. PETE'S DISTRICT OHIOHEALTH MANSFIELD HOSPITAL

Direct funds to activities within this neighborhood for revitalization. Geographic Priorities are located within the Consolidated Plan. The Target Area is quite large in scope so the intention is to focus on the main corridors of the neighborhood. This project is categorically excluded subject to 58.5 under 58.35(a)(1-6) Combinations of the above activities.

Project Cost:	\$232,342
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	Census Tract(s): 5; 6; 31

12) CODE ENFORCEMENT

Funding for staffing in the Codes & Permits Department. Geographic Priorities are located within the Consolidated Plan, and include major corridors to the City. This project is exempt under 24 CFR 58.34(a)(5) Inspections and testing of properties for hazards or defects.

Project Cost:	\$17,500
Location:	City Wide
Census Tract:	& Target Areas 4, 5, 6, & 31



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13) DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

LMI First-Time Homebuyers for 50% of required down payment and up to 100% of closing cost assistance not to exceed \$5,000 per household. 0% interest rate deferred loan in the form of a mortgage lien that is forgiven at the end of 5 years. This project is categorically excluded not subject to 58.5 under 24 CFR 58.35(b)(5) activities to assist homebuyers.

Project Cost:	\$34,591.25
Location:	City Wide
Census Tract:	City Wide

14) City Wide HOME

HOME funds will be used to assist homeowners and potential other eligible activities with rehabilitation costs to bring property up to the Residential Rehabilitation Standard and City of Mansfield Building Code, as well as other eligible HOME activities aside from rehab. This project is categorically excluded subject to 58.5 under 58.35(a)(3), One to four family dwelling rehabilitation or improvement.

Project Cost:	\$196,248
Location:	City Wide
Census Tract:	City Wide

The City of Mansfield has prepared an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for each of the projects listed above. The ERR(s) documents the environmental review of the project(s) and are available here:

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/

The City of Mansfield plans to undertake the project(s) described above with the Federal funds cited above. Any interested person, agency, or group wishing to comment on the project(s) may submit written comments for consideration to the City of Mansfield Department of Community Development 30 N. Diamond St. Mansfield, OH 44902 prior to December 10, 2019.

Public Comments on Request to Release Funds

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Tracy Bond at the City of Mansfield Department of Community Development at the above address or contact (419) 755-9795 for more information.

All comments received by Dec. 10, 2019 will be considered by the City of Mansfield prior to the submission of a Request to Release Funds.

The City of Mansfield will undertake the projects described above with Block Grant funds from HUD, under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Mansfield certifies to HUD that the City and Mayor, Timothy L. Theaker, in his official capacity consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of this certification is that with approval, the City of Mansfield may use funds and have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.