

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

November 29, 2021  
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Broome County.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about December 15, 2021, Broome County 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 Broome County COVID Business Recovery Fund for the purpose of providing \$1,000,000 in funding to small businesses across Broome County adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to help them respond and improve the resiliency in the future.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Broome County 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 the Broome County Planning Department, 60 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 and may be examined or copied weekday's 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Broome County Planning Department. All comments received by December 14, 2021 will be considered by Broome County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

Broome County certifies to the Office of Community Renewal that Beth Lucas in her capacity as Director of Planning and 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 Broome county to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The Office of Community Renewal will accept objections to its release of fund and Broome 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 Broome County; (b) Broome 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 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.

Beth Lucas, Director, Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development