



City of Mansfield

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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: 08/03/2020

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 August 4, 2020, 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:	\$13,250.03
Location:	City Wide
Census Tract:	City Wide

- 2) **North End Community Improvement Collaborative Garden Program**
To assist with learning gardens which provide food for area neighborhoods. NECIC currently runs more than 20 gardens and an urban farm across Mansfield and the surrounding areas. This project is categorically excluded not subject to 58.5 under 58.35 (b) (2) Supportive Services.

Project Cost:	\$16,223.75
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:	\$30,000.00
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Location:	City Wide
Census Tract:	City Wide

- 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) CULLIVER READING CENTER
 For a summer and after school reading program that assists low and moderate income students with tutoring and reading assistance. This program will take place within the Ocie Hill neighborhood center. This project is exempt under 58.34(a)(4) Public Services with no Physical Impact.

Project Cost:	\$22,394.47
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:	\$24,500.00
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:	\$102,707.69
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	City Wide

- 8) Friendly House Window Replacement
 Funds will be used for emergency window replacement. 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.

Project Cost:	\$60,000.00
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	Census Tract 31

- 9) Catholic Charities HOPE Food Pantry
 To facilitate costs for food pantry available to low and moderate income residents in the City of Mansfield. This project is exempt under 58.34(a)(4) Public Services with no Physical Impact.

Project Cost:	\$10,000.00
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	City Wide

- 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:	\$220,688.06
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	City Wide

- 11) WEST END TARGET AREA
 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:	\$125,000.00
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	Census Tract(s): 5; 6; 31

- 12) Mansfield Metropolitan Housing Authority Lead Remediation
 Funding is to assist in Lead remediation for low and moderate income housing in the City. MMHA will work with Richland Public Health to identify housing with need. This project has a categorical exclusion subject to federal laws under 58.5; Rehabilitation of residential buildings with one to four units 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i)

Project Cost:	\$60,000.00
Location:	Mansfield
Census Tract:	City Wide

- 13) City of Mansfield Parks Summer Activities
 Funds will be used to support activities within the parks for the summer. Activities will be available to low and moderate income residents in the local parks. This project is exempt under 58.34(a)(4) Public Services with no Physical Impact.

Project Cost:	\$2,000.00
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:	\$208,461.75
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 August 21, 2020.

Public Comments on Request to Release Funds

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Adrian Ackerman 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 August 21, 2020 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.