

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

February 5, 2026

Putnam County Commissioner
245 E Main St. Ottawa, OH 45875
419-523-3656

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

On or about, but not before, February 13, 2026, the Putnam County Commissioners 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):

Private Rehabilitation will use Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds in the amount of \$422,000 in addition to \$100,000 in CDBG funds; program income funds from Putnam County in the amount of \$49,512 (HOME), program income funds from Allen County in the amount of \$25,104 (HOME) to rehabilitate at least nine (9) privately owned homes with in the both counties excluding the City of Lima. This funding will be a two-year cycle.

Home Repair will use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$270,000 to repair at least seven (7) privately owned homes within Allen and Putnam Counties excluding the City of Lima. This funding will be a two-year cycle.

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 on file at the Putnam County Commissioner office 245 E Main St. Ottawa, OH 45875 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M. The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to 245 E Main St. Ottawa, OH 45875.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Putnam County Commissioners by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before February 13, 2026 will be considered by the Putnam County Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Putnam County Commissioners certifies to the State of Ohio that Michael Lammers in *his* capacity as President of County Commissioners 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 State of Ohio's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Putnam County Commissioners to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and the Putnam County Commissioners 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 Putnam County Commissioners; (b) the Putnam County Commissioners 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 Enhancements at compliance@development.ohio.gov Potential objectors should contact the State of Ohio to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Brad Brubaker
Commissioner President