**Sample Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds**

Please read thoroughly and edit text appropriately. Requires seven day local comment period and fifteen day state comment period.

*Town of Americana, Flag County*

*P.O. Box 123*

*Americana, Indiana 47777*

**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

On or about *May 9, 2010*, the *Town of Americana* will request the release federal funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for Community Development Block Grant Funds from the State of Indiana under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

***Americana Senior Center Rehabilitation Project***

The project will consist of *the rehabilitation of the existing senior center. The rehabilitation will consist of the installation of new windows and doors, as well as a new heating and cooling system.*

An Environmental Review Record regarding the proposed project has been made by the *Town of Americana* which documents the environmental review of the project. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request at the *Americana Town Hall* between the hours of *8:00 A.M.* and *4:00 P.M*., *Monday through Friday*. Should town offices be closed, the ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to [insert mailing address] or by email to [insert email address].

**Public Comments of Findings**

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the *Town of Americana* to the *Americana Town Hall, PO Box 123, Americana, Indiana 47777* or by email to [insert email address]. Such written comments should be received by *May 16, 20XX*. All such comments so received will be considered and the *Town of Americana* will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentences.

**Release of Funds**

The *Town of Americana* will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of Indiana under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The *Town of Americana* is certifying to the *State* that the *Town of Americana* and *John Smith*, in his official capacity as Council President, consents 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 the certification is that upon its approval, the *Town of Americana* may use the block grant funds and the State will have met its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

**Objections to State Release of Funds**

The State will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State; or (b) that the applicant’s environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR 58) and may be submitted to Grant Services & OCRA through the ER Report in GMS.

Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the State. No objections received after *May 24, 2010* will be considered by the State.

*John Smith, Council President*

*Town of Americana*