

Public Notice

JOINT NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 10, 2025

The Crawford County Commissioners
112 E Mansfield St., Bucyrus, OH 44820
(419) 562-5771

and

The City of Bucyrus
500 S Sandusky Ave, Bucyrus, OH 44820
(419) 562-6767

And

The City of Galion
301 Harding Way East, Galion, OH 44833
(419) 468-1857

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

On or about, but not before, March 19, 2025, the Crawford County Commissioners and The Mayor of Bucyrus and The Mayor of Galion 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):

Project Name: PY2024 Crawford County CHIP Program

Source of Federal Funds: HOME and CDBG Funds, as well as Crawford County HOME & CDBG Housing Program Income funds and City of Bucyrus HOME & CDBG Housing Program Income funds, and City of Galion HOME & CDBG Housing Program Income funds.

Project Description: Private Owner Home Rehabilitation and Home/Building Repair

Multi-year Project with Completion Date of April 30, 2027

Location: Crawford County including the Cities of Bucyrus and Galion

Estimated Cost of Project: \$1,124,100

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 available for review on Crawford County's website at www.crawford-co.org and at The City of Bucyrus's website at www.cityofbucyrusoh.us and at The City of Galion's website at www.galion.city

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Crawford County Commissioners or the City of Bucyrus or the City of Galion by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before March 19, 2025 will be considered by the Crawford County Commissioners and the City of Bucyrus and the City of Galion prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Crawford County Commissioners and the City of Bucyrus and the City of Galion certify to the State of Ohio that Larry Schmidt, President of the Crawford County Commissioners and Bruce Truka, Mayor of Bucyrus and Thomas O'Leary, Mayor of Galion in their respective capacity as President of Crawford

County Commissioners and Mayor of Bucyrus and Mayor of Galion consent 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 Crawford County Commissioners and the Cities of Bucyrus and Galion to use Program Income funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and the Crawford County Commissioners and City of Bucyrus and City of Galion's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date March 19, 2025 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 Crawford County Commissioners or the Cities of Bucyrus and Galion; (b) the Crawford County Commissioners or the Cities of Bucyrus and Galion have 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 Development at OCD@development.ohio.gov. Potential objectors should contact the State of Ohio to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Larry Schmidt, President of the Crawford County Commissioners

Bruce Truka, Mayor of the City of Bucyrus

Thomas O'Leary, Mayor of the City of Galion