

CITY OF OPELIKA
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

**April 26, 2021
City of Opelika
PO Box 390
Opelika, AL 36803
334-705-5155**

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Opelika

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (ROF)

On or about May 1, 2021, the City of Opelika will submit a request to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to release Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds made available through the CARES Act, based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and will be obtained from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Opelika anticipates receipt of \$500,000 in funding.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) will distribute CDBG-CV Program grant funds to the entitlement community and county grant applicant through a noncompetitive allocation process. The City of Opelika proposes supporting the following activities:

Senior Support	\$400,000
Main Street	\$ 54,000
Public Facilities	\$ 46,000

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Opelika 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 the Community Development office located in the City of Opelika's Public Works Facility at 700 Fox Trail where ERR can be examined where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 7 A.M. to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Community Development Administrator Lisa Thrift at PO Box 390, Opelika AL, 36803-0390 or in person at the physical address mentioned above. All comments received by May 30, 2021 will be considered by the City of Opelika prior to the submission of a request for ROF. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS (ROF)

The City of Opelika certifies to ADECA that Gary Fuller, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Opelika, 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. HUD's approval of the City's request for ROF and certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Opelika to use or authorize the use of program funds for purposes identified in this notice.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ADECA will accept objections to its ROF and the City of Opelika's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of 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 City of Opelika; b) the City of Opelika has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; c) the City of Opelika has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of ROF by HUD; 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) and shall be addressed to ADECA at: 401 Adams Avenue, Suite 592, Montgomery, AL 36104, Attn: CDBG-CV Applications.

Gary Fuller, Mayor
City of Opelika
P. O. Box 390
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Certifying Official