

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice July 2, 2025

Name of Responsible Entity: Lincoln County

Address: 512 California Ave.

Libby, MT 59923

Telephone Number of RE: 406-297-3139

On or about at least one day after the end of the comment period the name of RE will “authorize Lincoln County, MT to submit a request to the Montana Department of Commerce for the release of CDBG Facilities grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as TFS Community Hall Renovation for the purpose of improving the safety and functionality of the building located at 312 Fortine Creek Road in Trego, MT.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under 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 this project is on file at 418 Mineral Ave, Libby MT and at the Eureka Annex at 66121 Hwy 37, Eureka, MT and may be examined or copied weekdays 9A.M to 4P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County Commissioners who are responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by July 10, 2025, will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments can be mailed to 512 California Ave, Libby, MT 59923.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Lincoln County certifies to Montana Department of Commerce that Kathi Hooper in her capacity as Lincoln County Public Health Department Director 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’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Lincoln County to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept objections to its release of fund and the Lincoln County’s 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 Lincoln County; (b) the County 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; 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 the State administration office at 301 South Park Ave, Helena, MT 59620. Potential objectors should contact the State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kathi Hooper, Lincoln County Health Director