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# Petroleum County

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## COMBINED NOTICE: FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI/NOI/RROF)

July 6, 2021

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or before **July 23, 2021** the above-named Petroleum County, Montana will request the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) for the following project:

Petroleum County Community Center

The Petroleum County Community Center is planning to construct a multi-use facility, primarily serving as a Senior Citizens Center. Senior meals and activities will be provided at the Center. A private entrance medical office is planned to provide outpatient medical consultations for the Public Health Nurse and visiting physicians. The Center will also be available for area youth groups and private functions such as receptions and funerals.

The lower level of the County Courthouse currently serves as the Senior Center for the community. Meals are prepared once a week for seniors to eat in or get delivered. Access to the area is primarily via a steep set of stairs from the main level of the building.

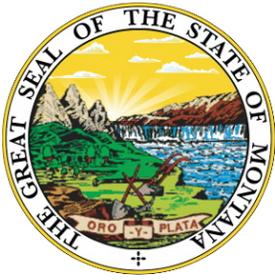
Winnett, Montana, Petroleum County - CDBG Project **MT-CDBG-20-PF-02**

### Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named Petroleum County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the County of Petroleum has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are:



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The project will provide a much needed multi-use facility which will serve as a senior center, medical office and as community gathering space.

Environmentally sensitive characteristics such as wetlands, floodplains and threatened or endangered species are not expected to be adversely impacted as a result of the proposed project. No significant negative long-term environmental impacts were identified.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named Petroleum County, Montana. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm; Monday through Friday.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of CDBG project funds.

## Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by Petroleum County to the Petroleum County Manager on or before July 22, 2021. All such comments so received will be considered and Petroleum County will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

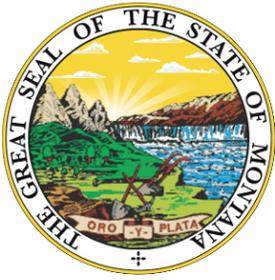
## Release of Funds

Petroleum County will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds provided by DOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Petroleum County is certifying to DOC that Bill Cassell, in his official capacity as Petroleum County Manager and Sheriff 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 on the certification is that upon its approval, the County of Petroleum may use the CDBG funds and DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

## Objections to State Release of Funds

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
- (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;



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(c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; 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 design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DOC. No objection received after July 30, 2021 will be considered by DOC.

Bill Cassell, County Manager, Sheriff, and Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator  
**Environmental Certifying Official**

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