

# Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds Small Cities Development Program State of Minnesota

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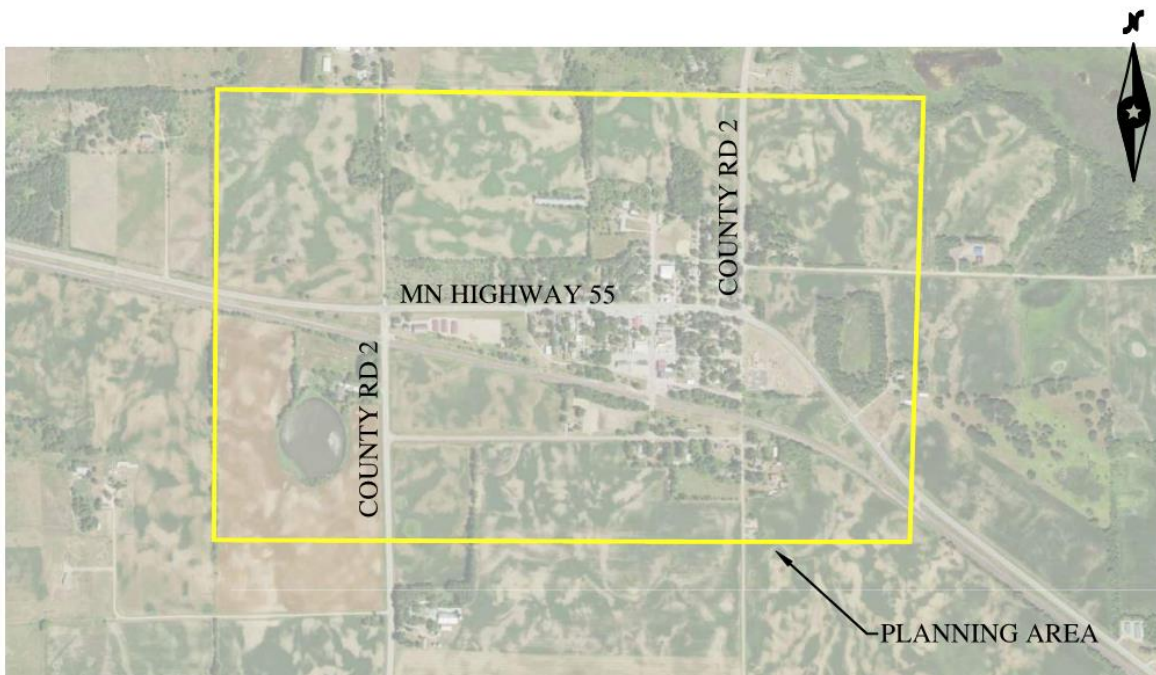
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## TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about February 08, 2022, the City of South Haven will request the Business and Community Development Division (BCD), Small Cities Development Program, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), to release federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 98-181) for the following project:

***Citywide infrastructure improvements to drinking water and storm sewer infrastructure system upgrades. SCDP grant funds totaling \$600,000 have been awarded for drinking water system upgrades and activity administration. The total project cost is \$3,445,300. The project is not in the 100-year floodplain. The project area is shown below:***



The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(1) from National Environmental Policy Act Requirements because they relate to the improvement of existing public infrastructure/facilities without change in size or capacity of more than 20 percent.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting this project has been made by the City of South Haven that documents the environmental review of the project. This ERR is on file at the address above and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Compliance documentation on the aforementioned laws and authorities will be filed and copies will be available, once established, at 521 Oak Ave. S., South Haven, MN 55382.

This project will not impact airport hazards, coastal barrier resources, flood hazards, clean air, coastal zone management, contamination and toxic substances, explosive and flammable hazards, farmlands protection, floodplain management, historic preservation, noise abatement and control, sole source aquifers, wetlands protection, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Study Rivers, or a Nationwide Rivers Inventory River. Environmental justice will not be negatively affected as the activity will improve conditions for low- and moderate-income person/households.

One endangered species (Northern Long-eared Bat) has been identified to occur in Wright County; however, the project is not within suitable habitat for this listed species and/or no habitat disturbance is anticipated. If the Northern Long-eared Bat is encountered, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will be notified.

### **Public Comments on Request to Release Funds**

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Bollig Inc 1700 Technology Drive NE, Suite 124, Willmar, MN 56201. All comments received by February 07, 2022, will be considered by the City of South Haven prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

The City of South Haven will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from DEED, under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of South Haven is certifying to DEED that the City of South Haven and Norman Bodeker, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent 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 with approval, the City of South Haven may use the Block Grant funds, and DEED and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

### **Objections to Release of Funds**

DEED Business and Community Development (BCD) will accept objections to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification for a period of eighteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only for one of the following reasons: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer or other officer of the grantee approved by BCD; (b) that the grantee's ERR for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized at 24 CFR Part 58.22 before approval of a release of funds by BCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 24 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 58.76). Potential objectors should contact DEED at [irene.dassier@state.mn.us](mailto:irene.dassier@state.mn.us) to submit or verify the actual last day of objection period.

**Norman Bodeker, Mayor**  
**521 Oak Ave. S., South Haven, MN 55382**