

April 17, 2008

Debra Carlson Ohlde
North Central Regional Planning Commission
109 N. Mill St., P.O. Box 565
Beloit, Kansas 67420

Re: Washington and Clay Counties HPG Project
Cities of Clifton and Linn, KS

Dear Ms. Ohlde:

The Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) has received the North Central Regional Planning Commission's (Commission) April 8, 2008, request for environmental comments. The Commission is in the process of applying for USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant money for the Cities of Clifton and Linn, KS. Funds will be used to make essential repairs to low income residential homes. The project is located in Washington and Clay Counties, KS.

A review of regional geologic information along with site maps provided by you indicates that there are no unduly adverse geologic conditions that should affect this project, so clearance of the project should be granted. A completed environmental review form is enclosed.

This letter is an assessment based on the regional geologic conditions available at the KGS at the time of writing and cannot be used in substitute of a detailed site characterization. Other geologic conditions, not discussed herein, or for which the KGS has no knowledge, may affect the viability or safe operation of this facility or property. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide any necessary characterization, geotechnical or environmental testing, or design by a licensed professional geologist or engineer to complete the project.

Sincerely,



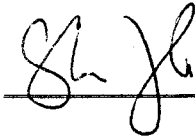
Shane Lyle, RG
Geology Extension Coordinator

Enclosures

cc: Dan Suchy, KGS Data Resources Library

AGENCY REVIEW TRANSMITTAL FORM

Comments by:



4-17-08

Transmittal Date

PROJECT TITLE: Washington and Clay Counties HPG Project
CONTACT PERSON: Carol Torkelson, NCRPC, Administrator (785) 738-2218

☒ Notification of Intent
☒ Preapplication
☐ Final Application
☐ Direct Development

This form provides notification and the opportunity for your agency to review and comment on this proposed project as required by Executive Order 12372. Please complete Parts II & III as appropriate. Your prompt response will be appreciated.

RETURN TO: By 5/9/08
Carol Torkelson
North Central Regional Plan. Comm.
P.O. Box 565
Beloit, Kansas 67420

PART I
REVIEW AGENCIES/COMMISSIONS

☐ Aging	☐ Education	☐ State Forester,
☐ Agriculture -- DWR	☒ Geological Survey, KS	☐ Transportation
☐ Biological Survey, KS	☐ Health & Environment	☐ Water Office, KS
☐ Conservation Comm..	☐ Historical Society	☐ Wildlife & Parks
☐ Corporation Comm.	☐ Human Resources	☐
☐ Commerce	☐ Social & Rehab. Services	☐

PART II (To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person.)

AGENCY REVIEW COMMENTS:

COMMENTS:

PART III (To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person.)

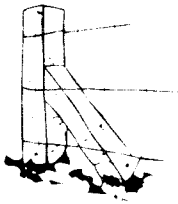
RECOMMENDED ACTION COMMENTS

☒ Clearance of the project should be granted	☐ Clearance of the project should not be delayed but the Applicant should (in the final application) address or clarify the questions or concerns indicated above
☐ Clearance of the project should not be granted	☐ Request the opportunity to review the final application prior to submission to the federal funding/state funding agency.
☐ Clearance of the project should be delayed until the issues or questions have been clarified	☐
☐ Request a State Process	
☐ Recommendation in concurrence with above comments	

DIVISION/AGENCY/COMMISSION

Reviewer's Name

Date



North Central Regional Planning Commission

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April 8, 2008

Dr. William Harrison, Dir.
KS Geological Survey
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, KS 66047

Re: Cities of Clifton and Linn in Washington and Clay Counties USDA Rural Development HPG
program environmental review

To Whom It May Concern:

The North Central Regional Planning Commission plans to apply to USDA Rural Development on behalf of the Cities of Clifton and Linn in Washington and Clay counties for Housing Preservation Grant funds. These funds will augment previously received CDBG awards for each of the communities. This notification is being sent in order to seek comments regarding the environmental review for the proposed project. The project will comply with appropriate state laws concerning the application.

The project will involve housing rehabilitation efforts to assist low and very low-income homeowners to make essential repairs to their homes and for funds to administer the grant. The application will be submitted to USDA Rural Development, 1303 SW First American Place, suite 100, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4040.

Included for your review are

- A fully completed SF 424
- A site map
- A brief project description
- Budget information

We would appreciate your review of the project description and location, and any comments you may have, within 30 days which would be May 9, 2008. A project review form is enclosed for your use. Please disregard the enclosed review/response form if you prefer to respond with a letter or with your own form. Please call me at the North Central Regional Planning Commission at 785-446-3775 or e-mail dcohlde@nckcn.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Debra Carlson Ohlde
Project Administrator

PROJECT DESCRIPTION CITIES OF CLIFTON AND LINN WASHINGTON AND CLAY COUNTIES

The proposed project will involve housing rehabilitation efforts to specifically assist low and very low-income homeowners to make essential repairs to their homes and funds for administering the project. Project activities will occur in the cities of Clifton and Linn; Linn is located in Washington County and Clifton is located on the Washington County/Clay County line.

The Rural Development funds will augment two previously awarded (January 2008) CDBG projects in the communities. In addition, the NCRPC routinely designated, as applicable, Weatherization funds to also enhance the overall impact of housing rehabilitation projects.

Housing improvements will add at least 20 years of useful life to houses thereby strengthening the housing stock in the community while providing a safer and more livable home for low income residents.

It is anticipated that all the sources of funds together will allow the communities to rehabilitate approximately 22 homes. With an average occupancy of 2.4 people in Kansas, it is expected that approximately 52 people will benefit from the project.

The intergovernmental review process regarding environmental issues is being conducted at the present time. There are no expected environmental issues. In addition, the environmental review process that is required by CDBG will occur as specific homes are selected for assistance.

BUDGET INFORMATION

The North Central Regional Planning Commission is requesting \$48,000 in RD funding for the project. Approximately 15% or \$7200 will be used for administration while the remaining \$41,600 will be used for rehabilitation efforts. The CDBG program and Weatherization together will contribute an estimated \$500,000 to the rehabilitation efforts in the two towns. These figures include not only rehabilitation contracts, but also necessary lead-based paint assessments and clearance, asbestos inspections and inspector oversight.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

Version 02

* 1. Type of Submission: ☒ Preapplication ☐ Application ☐ Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Continuation ☐ Revision		* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): * Other (Specify)
* 3. Date Received: Completed by Grants.gov upon submission.		4. Applicant Identifier: 		
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: 		* 5b. Federal Award Identifier: 		
State Use Only:				
6. Date Received by State:		7. State Application Identifier:		
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:				
* a. Legal Name: North Central Regional Planning Commission				
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 46-816116		* c. Organizational DUNS: 74847526		
d. Address:				
* Street1: 109 N. Mill				
Street2:				
* City: Topeka				
County: Mitchell				
* State: KS: Kansas				
Province:				
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES				
* Zip / Postal Code: 67420				
e. Organizational Unit:				
Department Name: Planning Division		Division Name: None		
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:				
Prefix: Ms		* First Name: Carol		
Middle Name:				
* Last Name: Turkeltaub				
Suffix:				
Title: Housing Director				
Organizational Affiliation: North Central Regional Planning Commission				
* Telephone Number: 785-738-2118		Fax Number: 785-738-2185		
* Email: cturkeltaub@nrcn.com				

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9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

B: Regional Organization

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

United States Department of Agriculture

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

10.433

CFDA Title:

Rural Housing Preservation Grants

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

USDA-RD-HOPP-HR-1-1-1

* Title:

Rural Housing Preservation Grants

13. Competition Identification Number:

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Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Washington and Clay counties in north central Kansas

* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Housing Preservation for Low Income Families in Clay and Washington Counties in North Central Kansas

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

Delete Attachments

View Attachments

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

Add Attachment

Delete Attachment

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal

* b. Applicant

* c. State

* d. Local

* e. Other

* f. Program Income

* g. TOTAL

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

☒ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation.)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Explanation

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

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NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Core Planning and Development District

