

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

Date: August 17, 2023

City of Philip  
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

The purpose of this notice is to identify two separate but related actions to be taken by the City of Philip.

On or about September 5, 2023, the City of Philip will request the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended (PL 97-35) for the following project:

Philip Wastewater, Water, and Storm Sewer Project – The City of Philip proposes to undertake a wastewater system improvements project in the northeast area of the city and a wastewater, water, storm sewer project in the Stewart Avenue area of the city. The combined total of both projects will require approximately 1,304 LF of 8-in sanitary sewer pipe, 378 LF of 12-in sewer main, 219 LF of 4-in sewer pipe, 84 LF of 6-in PVS water pipe, 356 LF of RCP storm pipe ranging in sizes from 15 to 27 inches, addition of 6 storm water inlets. Remove and replace 12 new sanitary sewer manholes, and 2 stormwater manholes. Lastly, an addition of a 950 square feet of retaining wall. This project has long-term positive potential by helping to ensure the health and welfare of the users of the Philip wastewater system by ensuring they have an adequate system. The project has an estimated cost of \$2,244,175.

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 City of Philip has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reason for such decision not to prepare such Statement is as follows: It has been determined that there will be no significant impact to the environment due to the above-stated project.

An Environmental Review Record of the project has been made by the City of Philip, which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file and available for public examination and copying upon request at the Philip City Finance Office, 140 S Howard Ave, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (Haakon County Courthouse), Philip, SD, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (MST) Monday through Friday. No further Environmental Review of this project is proposed prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the city to the City of Philip. Comments should specify which notice, Finding of No Significant Impact, or Intent to Request Release of Funds, is being addressed. Such written comments will be received by Brit Miller, Certifying Officer, PO Box 408, Philip, SD 57567 on or before 4:30 p.m. on September 1, 2023.

All comments received will be considered and the City of Philip will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

The City of Philip will undertake the project described herein with Community Development Block Grant funds from the Governor's Office of Economic Development under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Philip is certifying to the Governor's Office of Economic Development that the City of Philip and its Chief Executive Officer or other Certifying Officer approved by the Governor's Office of Economic Development in his official capacity as Project Environmental Officer 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 upon its approval the City of Philip may use the Block Grant funds and the State and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the environmental certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the GOED, or (b) that 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. Objections may be addressed to the Governor's Office of Economic Development, Community Development Block Grant Program, 711 E. Wells Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3369.

Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the GOED. No objection received after September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 will be considered by the State.

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