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March 10, 2021

TO: Interested Individuals, Groups, and Agencies
FR: Eamon Bencivengo, Housing Development Planner
RE: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

The City of Newton has completed an environmental review record for the following project that is proposed for funding with Newton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Newton HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds.

Project Title: Coleman House Preservation and Addition

For the Purpose Of: 2Life Communities will undertake the preservation and comprehensive modernization of its existing Coleman House, a 146-unit community for very low-income seniors. All 146 units will be adaptable and preserved in perpetuity with existing project-based contracts. The ground floor program space will be reconfigured and renovated. 2Life will make life cycle investments in building systems including masonry, insulation, roof, windows, electrical, plumbing and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning). This project will also include the construction of a 1,000 square foot, 1-story addition and new patio at the main entrance. The project is designed to meet Enterprise Green Communities certification.

Location: Coleman House, 677 Winchester St, Newton MA 02459

Estimated CDBG Funding: \$ 411,898.00
Estimated HOME Funding: \$ 536,621.00
Estimated Total HUD Funding: \$ 948,519.00
Estimated non-HUD Funding: \$ 29,544,622.00

The City of Newton has drafted a combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds for this project. Enclosed is a copy of the combined notice. Please post this notice in a public location. Written comments will be accepted by the City of Newton Planning and Development Department until 5 p.m. on March 26, 2021. The City of Newton will then submit the notice to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which will accept public comment for fifteen days following the submission date.

Questions or comments related to the environmental review process and record may be directed to this office by mail or fax or via e-mail at ebencivengo@newtonma.gov.

Enclosure

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

March 10, 2021

Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459-1449
(617) 796-1120

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Newton.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 26, 2021, the City of Newton will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)* funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and *HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)* Funds under Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as:

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Newton Planning and Development Department has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Newton Planning and Development Department, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459-1449 and may be examined or copied Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Newton Planning and Development Department, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459-1449. All comments received by March 26, 2021 will be considered by the City of Newton Planning and Development Department prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Comments should be directed to:

Eamon Bencivengo
Housing Development Planner
Planning and Development Department
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459-1449
Email: ebencivengo@newtonma.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Newton Planning and Development Department certifies to HUD that Barney Heath, in his capacity as the Director of the Planning and Development Department for the City of Newton 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Newton to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the certifications by the City of Newton 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 City of Newton; (b) the City of Newton 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 HUD; 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 sent to HUD via email to CPD_COVID-19OEE-BOS@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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