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City of Newton, Massachusetts
Department of Planning and Development
1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, Massachusetts 02459

Barney S. Heath
Director

May 20, 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, as representative member of the WestMetro HOME Consortium, in conjunction with Member Community, the Town of Concord has completed an environmental review record for the following project that is proposed for funding with HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds.

Project Title: Christopher Heights of Concord

For the Purpose Of: New construction of an 83 unit assisted living facility on a vacant six-acre parcel. The facility will consist of one three-story building, including driveways, parking, wastewater disposal, stormwater management improvements, utilities and landscaping. There will be seventy-one (71) studio/alcove apartments, and twelve (12) one-bedroom units.

Location: 6X Winthrop Street, Concord, MA 01742

Estimated HOME Funding: \$ 1,336,398.40
Estimated HUD Funding: \$ 1,336,398.40
Estimated non-HUD Funding: \$16,093,981.20

The Town of Concord 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 Town of Concord Planning Division until 5 p.m. on June 4, 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**

May 20, 2021

WestMetro HOME Consortium
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459-1449
(617) 796-1120

Planning Division
141 Keyes Road, First Floor
Concord, MA 01742
978-318-3290

This Notice shall satisfy procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the WestMetro HOME Consortium and the Town of Concord.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 4, 2021, the Town of Concord will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the release of *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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Location: 6X Winthrop Street, Concord, MA 01742

Estimated HOME Funding: \$ 1,310,498.40

Estimated HUD Funding: \$ 1,310,498.40

Estimated non-HUD Funding: \$16,119,881.20

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The WestMetro HOME Consortium and the Town of Concord Planning Division have 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 WestMetro HOME Consortium, Planning and Development Department, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459-1449 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or at the Town of Concord Planning Division at 141 Keyes Road, First Floor, Concord, MA 01742 and may be examined or copied Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on either the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and/or the Notice of Intent to Request the Release of Funds (NOI) to the WestMetro HOME Consortium Program, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459-1449 and/or the Town of Concord Planning Division at 141 Keyes Road, First Floor, Concord, MA 01742. Commenters must specify whether their comments address the FONSI, the

NOI, or both. All comments received by June 4, 2021 will be considered by the WestMetro HOME Consortium and the Concord Planning Division 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
WestMetro HOME Consortium
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459-1449
Email: ebencivengo@newtonma.gov

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The WestMetro HOME Consortium/City of Newton and the Planning Division for the Town of Concord certify to HUD that Barney Heath, in his capacity as the Director of the Planning and Development Department for the City of Newton, and Marcia Rasmussen as the Director of Planning and Land Management for the Town of Concord, respectively, consent 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 WestMetro HOME Consortium and Town of Concord to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the certifications by the WestMetro HOME Consortium/City of Newton and the Planning Division for Town of Concord 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, MA and Town of Concord; (b) the City of Newton and the Town of Concord have 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.

For the WestMetro HOME Consortium:
Barney Heath

For the Town of Concord:
Marcia Rasmussen