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

Barney S. Heath  
Director

May 26, 2021

**TO:** Interested Individuals, Groups, and Agencies  
**FR:** Shaylyn Davis, Community 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 Newton Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds:

**Project Title:** Winter Night Program - Renovation

**For the Purpose Of:** The Community Day Center of Waltham, a social service provider, and City of Newton will undergo renovation of 20 Felton Street, located adjacent to its existing day center. The proposed project includes the renovation of the second floor of the existing 20 Felton Street structure, which will be used as a new winter warming center and an extension of day shelter operations. This project is in direct response to COVID-19 and will support homeless individuals who are the most vulnerable to contracting the virus.

Scope of work includes the installation of new floors, staircase, and chair lift; expansion of existing restroom and installation of a shower; replacement of back, outdoor doorway/walkway; connection of the drain, water, and electric lines for clothes washing machine and connection of the electric and vent lines for clothes dryer machine; and installation of COVID-19 ventilations.

**Location:** 20 Felton Street, Waltham, MA 02453

**Estimated ESG-CV Funding:** \$287,245.00  
**Estimated Total HUD Funding:** \$287,245.00  
**Estimated non-HUD Funding:** \$320,000.00

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 June 11, 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 [sdavis@newtonma.gov](mailto:sdavis@newtonma.gov).

Enclosure

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

May 26, 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.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about June 11, 2021, the City of Newton will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of *Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG-CV)* funds, as authorized under the “Homeless Assistance Grants” heading of the Title XII of Division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, and under Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended by the HEARTH Act, 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 June 11, 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:

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Planning and Development Department  
City of Newton  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459-1449  
Email: [sdavis@newtonma.gov](mailto:sdavis@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](mailto:CPD_COVID-19OEE-BOS@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

For the City of Newton:  
Barney Heath, Director of Planning and  
Development Department