

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

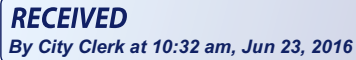
June 23, 2016

City of Newton

1000 Commonwealth Ave.

Newton, MA 02459

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about July 11th, 2016 the City of Newton will submit a request to the 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 (PL 93-383) to undertake a project known as 68 Brooks Ave. for the purpose of rehab of the property. The rehab includes porch and deck replacement, interior work, and lead paint abatement totaling \$74,634.49.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at with Malcom Lucas at the Newton Planning Department located 1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays 8A.M to 4:30P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Malcom Lucas at mlucas@newtonma.gov, project manager, or at The Newton Planning Department, 1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton, MA 02459. All comments received by July 10th will be considered by the City of Newton prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Newton certifies to HUD that Kimberly O'Brien in her capacity as Housing Consultant 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 the City of Newton's Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date specified above 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 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the City of Newton has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F or G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; (e) another Federal, State or local agency 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 addressed to the Cedric Kam, Acting Deputy Director and Economic Development Specialist, Region 1 at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kimberly O'Brien