

# RIHousing

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Development Division, RIHousing

DATE: September 14, 2018

RE: Environmental Legal Notice

For your information, the enclosed Legal Notice will notify all interested parties of Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation's ("RIHousing") intent to request the release of funds for Risk Share Insurance. This is being done in compliance with HUD's Environmental Review process in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.

Please post this Notice for ten (10) days in an area readily accessible to the public. Any comments may be sent to the address contained in the Notice.

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

September 14, 2018

Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation  
44 Washington Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
(401) 457-1129

This Notice shall satisfy a procedural requirement for an activity to be undertaken by Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”).

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 25, 2018, RIHousing will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the approval of FHA Risk Share Insurance for the following project:

**Cranberry Pond Apartments**  
955 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02888

Cranberry Apartments, LLC proposes re-financing and moderate rehabilitation of the property, Cranberry Pond Apartments, a ninety-seven (97) apartment unit housing development that is income restricted for senior individuals over sixty-two (62) and disabled individual and family households. The moderate rehabilitation on the three, three-story buildings includes complete roof replacement, exterior siding replacement and exterior trim painting, along with the replacement of the gutters and downspouts. Interior work includes the replacement of the main entry doors and other exterior doors, common stairwell flooring and carpeting and toilet upgrades. The interior painting will include the common hallways, and community and laundry rooms. The elevator equipment will be up-graded, and the hot water boiler and ventilation units will be replaced. This project proposal for preservation financing and the purchase of Risk Share Insurance is to preserve eighty-one (81) subsidized one-bedroom and sixteen (16) subsidized two-bedroom apartment units of a Project-based Section 8 development.

The activity proposed is 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 determination for this project is on file at RIHousing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9A.M to 5 P.M.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

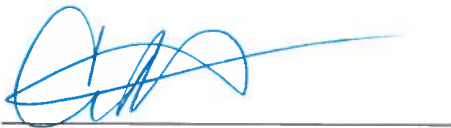
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to RIHousing. All comments received by September 24, 2018, will be considered by RIHousing prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify the Notice they are addressing.

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

RIHousing certifies to HUD that Carol A. Ventura, in her capacity as Deputy Director 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 RIHousing to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and RIHousing's certification 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 RIHousing (b) RIHousing 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 addressed to HUD at Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Thomas P. O'Neil Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Carol A. Ventura  
Deputy Director

9/14/2018  
Date