



TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Development Division, RIHousing

DATE: September 8, 2020

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.



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

September 8, 2020

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 21, 2020, 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:

Maple Housing Group
Maple Gardens II Apartments
25 McGuire Road
North Providence, RI 02904

Maple Housing Group proposes re-financing and moderate rehabilitation for the Maple Gardens II Apartments housing development that provides affordable housing for income restricted senior individuals over the age of sixty-two (62) and disabled individual and family households. The moderate rehabilitation on the three, 3-story buildings and a separate single-story, housing office and community space building, includes the upgrade and modernization to the existing elevators within the unit buildings, along with the installation of CO/smoke alarms, the replacement of toilets, and some ADA improvements for accessibility and life safety upgrades in the apartments.

This project proposal for preservation financing and a loan that will be insured under the HUD Risk Sharing Program, is to preserve a total of ninety (90) apartments, consisting of eighty-four (84) one-bedroom and six (6) two-bedroom apartment units, of a Project-based Section 8 Elderly and Disabled housing development community.

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. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR).

The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U. S. mail. Please submit your request via email to Anne Berman, Assistant Director of Development at RIHousing at aberman@rihousing.com

The ERR Statement can be accessed online at the following website: www.rihousing.com

PUBLIC COMMENTS

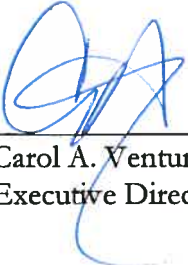
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to RIHousing. All comments received by September 18, 2020, will be considered by RIHousing prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify the Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

RIHousing certifies to HUD that Carol A. Ventura, in her capacity as Executive 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 via email 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, at: CPD_COVID-19OEE-BOS@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD at Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Carol A. Ventura
Executive Director

9/8/2020
Date