



TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Development Division, RIHousing

DATE: November 24, 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 intent to request the release of Federal HOME Investment Partnership funds. This is being done in compliance with HUD's Environmental Review process in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.

Please post this Notice for eighteen (18) days in an area readily accessible to the public. Any comments may be sent to the address contained in the Notice.



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

November 24, 2020

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

This Notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for an activity to be undertaken by Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 15, 2020, RIHousing will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 for the following project:

Central Falls Affordable Housing Corporation (CFAHC)
School Street Apartments
4 School Street
Central Falls, RI 02863

The Central Falls Affordable Housing Corporation (CFAHC) has proposed to redevelop the property at 4 School Street, Central Falls. The redevelopment plan is for acquisition, demolition of the existing two-unit building structure, and new construction of one town-house style, six-unit multi-family building, comprised of one (1) one-bedroom, one (1) two-bedroom and four (4) three-bedroom units with open green space and parking spaces, for very-low to low-income households. This affordable housing development project will provide larger units to house families, including one handicap accessible unit.

RIH HOME: \$1,289,199 for 5 rental units
HTF: \$171,801 for 1 rental unit

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

RIHousing has determined that this project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, Environmental Impact Statements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) are not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at RIHousing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903. The Environmental Review Record may be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U. S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Eric Alexander,

Assistant Director of Development at RIHousing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903 or via email at ealexander@rihousing.com The Environmental Review Record may be viewed at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>

PUBLIC COMMENTS


Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Eric Alexander, Assistant Director of Development at RIHousing, via mail (RIHousing, attn.: Eric Alexander, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903) or via email at ealexander@rihousing.com All comments received by December 14, 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

11/24/2020
Date