



TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Development Division, RIHousing

DATE: October 30, 2024

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 Federal HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program funds and the intent to request the release of funds for FHA 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 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

October 30, 2024

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 November 19, 2024, RIHousing will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the approval of FHA Risk Share Insurance and for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 for the following project:

S.W.A.P., Inc. (Stop Wasting Abandoned Property)
Knight Street Apartments
321 Knight Street
Providence, RI 02909

S.W.A.P., Inc. (Stop Wasting Abandoned Property), has proposed the new construction development, Knight Street Apartments, the redevelopment of a currently blighted, highly visible street corner which will consist of a multi-family housing complex on a 0.35 acre, with a 5-story podium style elevator building containing ground floor covered parking, and a community/commercial space. The forty-one (41) apartments on the above four floors will reflect the historic architecture in the West Side neighborhood. Nine (9) of the thirteen (13) one-bedroom units will be prioritized for intellectually and developmentally disabled individual and family households. The project will also consist of nineteen (19) two-bedroom and nine (9) three-bedroom residential units, all serving 30% - 80% AMI households.

Proposed HOME Program Award: \$1,000,000

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Rhode Island Housing has determined that this project will not significantly impact 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 Rhode Island Housing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR Statement can be accessed online at the following website: www.rihousing.com/public-information. The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U. S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Anne Berman, Director of Real Estate Development or by email to aberman@rihousing.com. The Environmental Review Record report may be viewed at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments on the ERR to RIHousing. All comments received by November 18, 2024, will be considered by RIHousing prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify the Notice they are addressing.

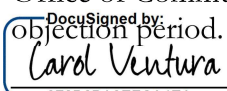
RELEASE OF FUNDS

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: CPDRROFBOS@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.

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 Carol A. Ventura
 Executive Director

October 30, 2024
 Date

**Risk Share Program
State of Rhode Island
Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation**

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATEMENT

To: Environmental Review Record (ERR)

Re: Environmental Assessment
(24 CFR Part §58)

The following activity has been reviewed under Section 58.36 Environmental Assessment and it is A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) activity based on Section 58.36 and has been reviewed for compliance with the laws and authorities listed in Section 58.5 and 58.6.

24 CFR Part 58 - Types of Activities (§58.36)

- New construction of one residential building into five or more multi-family residential units.

Compliance with any applicable requirements of Section 58.5 is required. Documentation consisting of the Statutory Checklist and a Request for Release of Funds Certification for the review supporting the determination is attached to the Environmental Review Record file.

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Carol Ventura

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Carol A. Ventura
Executive Director

October 16, 2024

Date