



TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Development Division, RIHousing

DATE: June 20, 2022

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 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**

June 20, 2022

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 July 11, 2022, 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:

Fifty Washington Square, LP
Fifty Washington Square Apartments
50 Washington Square
Newport, RI 02840

Fifty Washington Square, LP proposes re-financing and rehabilitation of the affordable housing and homeless shelter/commercial building for both exterior and interior improvements. The historic Army/Navy YMCA, five-story building in the center of Newport’s downtown district will undergo extensive rehabilitation to include new sustainable features, such as solar panels and a new energy efficient HV AC system with heating and cooling mini splits in each apartment and common areas. A new roof will be installed on the building. General interior and exterior improvements include replacing and repairing masonry and terracotta building elements and refurbishing all wood windows and doors. New storm windows will be installed, and the domestic hot water storage and boilers will be replaced. Other improvements include selective interior upgrades and renovation of the forty-one (41) bed, McKinney Cooperative Emergency Shelter.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Rhode Island Housing 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 Rhode Island Housing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. 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 by U.S. mail to Anne Berman, Director of Real Estate Development or by email to aberman@rihousing.com. The ERR Statement can be accessed online at the following website: www.rihousing.com/public-information

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 July 8, 2022, will be considered by RIHousing prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify the Notice they are addressing.

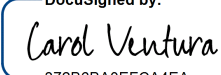
RELEASE OF FUNDS

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.

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Carol A. Ventura
Executive Director

June 20, 2022

Date