



TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Development Division, RIHousing

DATE: November 22, 2021

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 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

November 22, 2021

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 December 3, 2021 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:

East Bay Community Development Corporation

Living East Bay Apartments

19 Lincoln Avenue, 173, 217 & 266 Wood Street, 24 Mt. Hope Avenue, 57 St. Elizabeth Street,
105 State Street, Bristol, RI 02809
328 Main Street, Warren, RI 02885

East Bay Community Development Corporation proposes moderate rehabilitation for the Living East Bay Apartments, an existing forty-seven (47) unit Multi-family housing development, located on eight (8) scattered property sites in Bristol and Warren. The rental properties provide affordable housing to households in 40%, 50%, and 60% area median low-income levels. The proposed scope of work includes moderate rehabilitation of apartment interiors, dwelling unit upgrades, UFAS improvements to existing ADA unit, improvements to common spaces, exteriors, and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing upgrades.

Eleven (11) residential units will be HOME Program assisted.

HOME Award: \$714,015



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 by U.S. mail to Lauren Farley, Senior Ancillary Programs Manager at RIHousing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903 or via email at lfarley@rihousing.com

The Environmental Review Record may be viewed at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Lauren Farley, Senior Ancillary Programs Manager at RIHousing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903 or via email at lfarley@rihousing.com

All comments received by December 2, 2021, 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 Ventura

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Carol A. Ventura
Executive Director

November 22, 2021

Date