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Department of Planning and Development
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Barney S. Heath
Director

September 9, 2020

TO: Interested Individuals, Groups, and Agencies
FR: Eamon Bencivengo, Housing Development Planner
RE: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

The City of Newton, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, has completed an environmental review record for the following project that is proposed for funding with Newton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and State HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds:

Project Title: Haywood House
For the Purpose Of: New construction of 55 units of affordable rental housing for senior citizens.

Location: 100 JFK Circle, Newton, MA

Estimated Local CDBG Funding: \$ 625,000.00
Estimated State HOME Funding: \$ 450,000.00
Estimated total HUD Funding: \$ 1,075,000.00
Estimated total non-HUD Funding \$26,060,575.00

The City of Newton, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, drafted a combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds for this project. Enclosed is a copy of the combined notice. Please post this notice in a public location. Written comments will be accepted by the City of Newton Planning and Development Department until 5 p.m. on September 24, 2020. The City of Newton will then submit the notice to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which will accept public comment for fifteen days following the submission date.

Questions or comments related to the environmental review process and record may be directed to this office by mail or fax or via e-mail at ebencivengo@newtonma.gov.

Enclosure

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

September 9, 2020

Commonwealth of MA, Dept. of Housing & Community Development (DHCD)
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300
Boston, MA 02114
617-573-1300

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by DHCD and the City of Newton.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 25, 2020, DHCD will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$4500,000 under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) - Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and for the release of Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) funds under Section 8, The Housing Act of 1937, as amended, for the purpose of attaching eight project-based vouchers, and the city of Newton for the release of \$625,000 in CDBG funds to be utilized in a project known as Haywood House, located on 100 JFK Circle, Newton, MA. The project consists of the new construction of 55 units of affordable rental housing for seniors. The project will use the following estimated sources of federal funds: \$450,000 in HOME; \$625,000 in CDBG. Expected additional public funding includes local Preservation funds and federal and State low-income housing tax credits. The project sponsor is the Newton Housing Authority.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

DHCD has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and will be made available for review electronically. Please submit your request by email to dan.tobyne@mass.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to DHCD, Housing Development Division at dan.tobyne@mass.gov. All comments received by September 24, 2020 will be considered by DHCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Commonwealth of MA acting through DHCD certifies to HUD that Catherine Racer in her capacity as Certifying Officer 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 the project, Winthrop Apartments, to use HUD program funds for the purpose specified.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Commonwealth of MA'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 the Commonwealth of MA; (b) the Commonwealth of MA 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs 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 Office of CPD - HUD at Boenvironmental@hud.gov Potential objectors should contact HUD office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

For DHCD

Catherine Racer, Associate Director