

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

January 15, 2013

City of Providence
Department of Planning and Development
444 Westminster Street, Suite 3A
Providence, RI 02903

On or about January 26, 2013 the end of the comment period, the City of Providence, Department of Planning and Development will submit a request to the HUD/Massachusetts State Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383).

CDBG Yr. 38 Funding for PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Sophia Academy - \$41,700 - Funding will be used for the removal of asbestos @ 582 Elmwood Ave.

Providence Community Library - \$ 65,000.00 - Knight Memorial Library, 275 Elmwood Ave., front entrance stairs repair.

SWAP - \$120,000.00 - Improvements will be made to the Trinity/Southside Center a new roof section to the theater complex. Funding to include the Broad Street business district identification/improvements will include signage, fencing and landscaping.

Olneyville Housing - \$ 75,000.00 – Store front improvement to include the Dirt Palace @ 12 Olneyville Square with repairs to the façade using mosaic tile and beautification of Olneyville Square with banners, hanging flower baskets.

WBNA - West Broadway Elementary School - \$ 9,000.00 Supply water to the first floor bathroom and renovate.

The activities proposed are 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 determinations for these projects is on file at 444 Westminster Street Suite 3A, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Department of Planning and Development, 444 Westminster Street Suite 3A, Providence, Rhode Island 02903. All comments received by January 26, 2013 will be considered by the City of Providence prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATIONS

The City of Providence certifies to HUD/Massachusetts State Office that Angel Taveras in his capacity as Mayor 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/Massachusetts State Office approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Providence to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD/Massachusetts State Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the Responsible Entity'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 the City of Providence; (b) the City's Environmental Review Record 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/Massachusetts State Office; 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD/Massachusetts State Office at 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD/Massachusetts State Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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