

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 28, 2025

Town of Watertown, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT 06795

860-945-5255

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Watertown.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 14, 2025, the Town of Watertown will submit a request to the Department of Housing for the release of \$2,000,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to undertake a project known as Public Housing Modernization for the purpose of renovations, repairs and upgrades to Country Ridge, 1091 Buckingham Street, Watertown CT. The proposed scope of the repairs which will include but shall not be limited to the replacement of the existing roofing systems, gutters, doors, siding, doors & windows.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Watertown 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) which is on file at the Office of the Town Manager, Watertown Town Hall, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT and may be examined or copied Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town Manager's Office, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT 06795. All comments received by April 7, 2025 will be considered by the Town of Watertown prior to the submission of a request for release of funds. Comment should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL-91-190) and comprise a project for which a Finding of No Significant Impact on the environment was determined. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the within project has been made by the Town of Watertown which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the Town Manager's Office, Watertown Town Hall, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT and is available for public examination and copying, upon request Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. No Further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of Watertown certifies to the State of Connecticut Department of Housing that Mark A. Raimo, in his capacity as Town Manager, 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. The State of Connecticut Department of Housing's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Watertown to use Program funds.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Watertown'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 Town of Watertown (b) the Town of Watertown 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 the State of Connecticut Department of Housing; 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department of Housing, Small Cities Program, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 or rivera.miguel@ct.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Housing to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mark A. Raimo, Town Manager, Town of Watertown