



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

Date of Notice: August 25, 2020
Responsible Entity: City of Nashua, NH
Address: City Hall, 229 Main Street
Nashua, NH 03060
Telephone: 603-589-3087

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Nashua, NH.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 10, 2020 the City of Nashua, NH will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, (CFDA 14.218) as amended, to undertake a project known as "A Place to Call Home: Housing the Homeless of Nashua" for the purpose of redeveloping the Sacred Heart Parochial School building into an emergency homeless shelter and transitional housing facility. With four floors and approximately 20,000 square feet of usable space, the building will allow the NSKS to retain all existing services, increase the number of shelter units for women (from 6 to 12), increase the number of family shelter units (from 6 to 12), provide 11 new units of affordable, long-term housing, and provide a day care center for individuals experiencing homelessness or the need for emergency shelter in the greater Nashua community; Total estimated funding \$4,492,474 (\$75,000 of Nashua CDBG; project location is 35 Spring Street Nashua, NH.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Nashua, NH 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) on file at City Hall, Community Development Division, Urban Programs, 229 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060, where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied Monday – Fridays 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, by appointment. The record may also be made available electronically upon request.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Urban Programs Manager, Carrie Schena at the above address or schenac@nashuanh.gov. All comments received by 4:00pm, September 9, 2020 will be considered by the City of Nashua, NH prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Nashua, NH certifies to HUD that James Donchess in his/her 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Nashua/Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Nashua, NH'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 Nashua, NH; (b) the City of Nashua, NH 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of HUD, Office of Community Planning and Development via email at CPD_COVID-190EE-BOS@HUD.GOV. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James Donchess, Mayor