

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS

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City of Malden, MA - Lead Agency  
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### Grant Number M-15-DC-25-0212

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

#### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 30, 2015 the City of Malden, Massachusetts, on behalf of the North Suburban Consortium (NSC) comprised of the communities of Malden, Medford, Arlington, Melrose, Revere, Chelsea, Everett and Winthrop will submit a request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act. These funds are used to provide benefit to eligible Low to Moderate Income Households and individuals, homeless families and individuals, disabled populations, and the elderly in the afore mentioned eight member communities through activities such as: Housing Programs, Housing Rehabilitation, Purchase Assistance, Assisted Living Facility, Community Based Housing, and Program Administration.

The intent of the Programmatic Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the HOME grant is to consider the potential effects of the various types of projects which may be funded under the program for the 2015 grant year. It is not possible for NSC to identify the specific activities and projects at this time. However, the projected units and estimated HUD funding is listed below. It is anticipated that the projects would vary in terms of scope of work and geography, but all would be subject to related laws found at 24 CFR 58.5 and 58.6 as set forth in Part 58 - ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR ENTITIES ASSUMING HUD ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 1) Projects involving the use of HOME funding for rehabilitation and/or acquisition of existing buildings (including Home owner rehabilitation projects) are anticipated to be treated as Categorical Exclusions pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35 (a)(3)(i/ii) and 24 CFR 58.35 (a)(5), respectively, provided all of the applicable circumstances are met. Anticipated funding for rehab projects is \$750,000.
- 2) Projects involving the use of HOME funding to provide assistance to homebuyers, Community Housing Development Organization Operating Expenses and program planning & administration are anticipated to be treated as Categorical Exemptions pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35 (b), provided all of the applicable circumstances are met. Anticipated funding under this category is \$230,405.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

All interested agencies, groups or persons may submit written comments on the ERR for consideration by the Consortium electronically via email to [dbireddy@maldenredevelopment.com](mailto:dbireddy@maldenredevelopment.com) or through the mail to the address listed above. Such comments should be received at the address specified on or before July 29, 2015. All comments so received will be considered by the Consortium prior to its taking any administrative action or requesting release of funds on the date listed immediately above.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Malden, on behalf of the North Suburban Consortium, certifies to HUD that Gary Christenson, Mayor, in his official capacity, consents to accept the jurisdiction for 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 the NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the NSC to use Program Funds.

## **OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Malden'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) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Certifying Officer of Malden;
- (b) that the City of Malden 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;
- (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 HUD, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Gary Christenson  
Mayor