

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

June 20, 2024

City of Chelsea, Department of Housing and Community Development

500 Broadway, Room 101

Chelsea, MA 02150

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On or about July 12, 2024 the City of Chelsea will submit a request to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (HLC), and HUD and Treasury for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, as amended, to undertake a project known as Community Room Heating/Cooling Upgrades for the purpose of upgrading the heating/cooling systems in two Chelsea Housing Authority residential, multi-family community rooms, funding sources include CDBG FFY20 and FFY21 award in the amount of \$237,559.30 and ARPA award of \$110,000 for a total budget of \$347,559.30, for the project located at 14 Bloomingdale and 260 Clark Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150.

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 this project is on file at the City of Chelsea, 500 Broadway, Department of Housing and Community Development, Chelsea, MA 02150 and may be examined or copied Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M, Tuesdays 8 A.M to 7 P.M, and Fridays 8 A.M to 12 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Chelsea, John DePriest, Director of Permitting and Land Use Planning. All comments received by July 12, 2024 will be considered by the Director of Permitting and Land Use Planning prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Chelsea certifies to HLC, HUD and Treasury that John DePriest in his capacity as Director of Permitting and Land Use Planning 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. HLC, and Treasury's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Chelsea to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HLC, HUD and Treasury will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Chelsea'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 Chelsea; (b) the City of Chelsea 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 HLC and Treasury; 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 HLC at 100 Cambridge St., Ste. 300, Boston, MA 02114 and HUD at 10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02222. Potential objectors should contact HLC and HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John DePriest, Director of Permitting and Land Use Planning

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