

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

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July 19, 2019

City of Haverhill, Massachusetts

4 Summer Street

Haverhill, MA 01830

978-374-2344

On or about August 21, 2019 the City of Haverhill, MA will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Park Bench Replacement for the purpose of replacing benches previously destroyed in the park, as well as to add a section of chain-link fencing to the existing playground estimated at \$9,825 at G.A.R. Park, 92 Main Street, Haverhill, MA 01830.

The activities proposed comprise a project for which a Finding of No Significant Impact on the environment was posted on July 19, 2019. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Haverhill Community Development Department, Haverhill City Hall, Room #309, 4 Summer Street, Haverhill, MA 01830, the Haverhill Citizens Center at 10 Welcome Street, Haverhill, MA and the Haverhill Public Library, 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Haverhill Community Development Department at Haverhill City Hall, Room #309, 4 Summer Street, Haverhill, MA 01830. All comments received by August 20, 2019 will be considered by the City of Haverhill prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Haverhill certifies to HUD that James J. Fiorentini 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Haverhill to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Haverhill'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 Haverhill; (b) the City of Haverhill 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 HUD's Office of Community Development and Planning office at Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James J. Fiorentini, Mayor

Note: The seven or ten-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification [form HUD-7015.15] to HUD/State. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. The fifteen-day objection period following submission of the request is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later.

Following completion of the comment period recipients may FAX the form HUD-7015.15 to HUD/State together with a copy of the public notice and a cover letter stating whether comments were received and, if so, how the recipient responded to the comment. The Request for Release of Funds and Certification should not be submitted before the recipient has responded. If the request is sent by FAX, the original signed form should be mailed to HUD/State. The date of receipt by FAX will be counted as the submission date. However, HUD will not issue the 7015.16 "Authority to Use Grant Funds" until after the original signed form is received.