

City of Woonsocket, RI

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

To all interested agencies, groups, and persons, on or about **September 10, 2020 and last until September 25, 2020** (following comment period of at least 15 days from the date of mailing and posting per 24 CFR 58.45), the City of Woonsocket will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of funds from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), under Title I of the National Affordable Housing Act (NAHC); HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez NAHC; and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. The funds will be used to implement the City of Woonsocket's Annual Action Plan for **FY 2020-2021**. The following projects included in the Annual Action Plan are not exempt from 24 CFR Part 58.34 Subpart D—Environmental Review Process. Therefore, **public notice is required and comments solicited**.

PROGRAM	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT	LOCATION
CDBG	Commercial Façade Rehab program	\$100,000.00	Various locations (Eligible census tracts)
CDBG	Small Business Loan	TBD	Various locations
CDBG	Micro Enterprise Grants	\$5,000.00	Various locations (Eligible census tracts)
CDBG	Public Facilities – City Parks/Playgrounds	\$28,844.00	Various locations
CDBG	Public Facilities – Road Reconstruction	\$396,054.00	Various locations (Eligible census tracts)
CDBG	Public Facilities – Sidewalks	\$75,000.00	Various locations (Eligible census tracts)
CDBG	Demolition/Clearance/Acquisition	\$50,000.00	Various locations (Eligible census tracts)
CDBG	Senior Center/Public Buildings/ADA upgrades	\$75,000.00	Various locations
HOME	Home Housing Rehabilitation program	\$1,084,085	Various locations
HOME	CHDO – (Mandated 15% Min. by HUD)	\$ 200,264.00	Location TBD

Note: each project will receive an individual environmental review

Finding of No Significant Impact An environmental review of the projects not listed has been made by the City of Woonsocket and has determined that those projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the national Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (PL 91-910) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file and available for public examination and copying in the office of the undersigned during regular business hours.

Public Comments All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to the City of Woonsocket at the office of the undersigned. All comments should be received at the address specified within **15 days** from the date of mailing or posting of this notice, which occurred on **September 10, 2020 and last until September 25, 2020**. The City of Woonsocket prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds will consider all such comments so received. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

Release of Funds The City certifies to HUD that the Certifying Officer in 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 environment 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 Woonsocket to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Mayor's certification for a **period of 15 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 Woonsocket; (b) the City 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to: US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Massachusetts State Office, New England Area, Office of Community Planning and Development, 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.

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Posted: Woonsocket Senior Center, City Hall
Post Request made of various social service agencies
and Woonsocket Public Library
City Website www.ci.woonsocket.ri.us

Notice sent to individuals and groups known to be interested in the activities. Notice sent to local news media, appropriate tribal, local, state and federal agencies; the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency having jurisdiction and the HUD Field Office.