

COMBINED NOTICE

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

January 13, 2008

City of Hartford
Department of Development Services
Division of Grants Management
260 Constitution Plaza, 1st Floor
Hartford, CT 06103
(860) 757-9277

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Hartford through federal funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about January 29, 2009 the City of Hartford will authorize the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford to request HUD to release approximately \$20 million in funds under 24 CFR Part 905 and 24 CFR Part 941, for the Public Housing Capital Fund Program to undertake the following project during Fiscal Year 2008-2009, which is neither Exempt nor Categorically Excluded:

The Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (HACH), intends to demolish the existing 156 units of low income housing located at 2471 Main Street, Hartford within the HACH complex known as Nelson Court, and replace these units with 80 units of low income housing, as well as support buildings, community center, and mixed income units. The low-income housing units will be set aside for individuals/families earning no more than 50% of the Hartford area median income. The new development will feature, as is feasible, "green design concepts" as it pertains to new unit construction.

A cost comparison study between rehabilitating the existing structures, which would call for a reduced number of housing units, and demolition and new construction of units demonstrates that the new construction option would provide significant cost savings.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Hartford has determined that the above-mentioned project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Department of Development Services, Division of Grants Management, 260 Constitution Plaza, 1st Floor, Hartford, Connecticut. Records may be examined or copied weekdays between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

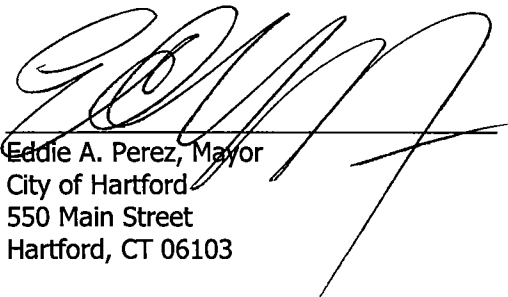
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the environmental review records to Lionel Rigler, Project Manager, Department of Development Services, Division of Grants Management, 260 Constitution Plaza, 1st Floor, Hartford, Connecticut, 06103. All comments received by January 25, 2009 will be considered by the City of Hartford prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Hartford certifies to the HUD Hartford Field Office that the Mayor in his capacity as Certifying Officer for the City 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 Hartford Office approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Hartford to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD Hartford Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Hartford'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 Hartford; (b) the City of Hartford 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the HUD Hartford Office; 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, Section 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Hartford Field Office, Department of Community Planning & Development, One Corporate Center, 19th floor, Hartford, Connecticut, 06103-3220. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Environmental Officer at the HUD Hartford Field Office at 860-240-9772 or by fax at 860-240-4850 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



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