

TOWN OF WAREHAM
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)

August 1, 2011

Town of Wareham
Memorial Town Hall
54 Marion Road
Wareham, Massachusetts 02571
Telephone: **508-291-3100, ext. 3173**

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

To all interested agencies, groups and persons:

On or about **August 12, 2011**, the Town of Wareham will submit a request to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as: **FY 2011 Wareham Mini-Entitlement Plan Grant**, to include the following activities:

Wareham Housing Rehabilitation Program - \$95,000.00 CDBG, \$125,000 Program Income:

Continuation of the 20-year Housing Rehabilitation Program, providing deferred payment and low interest loans to low- and moderate-income homeowners in Wareham's CDBG target area to make repairs including handicapped accessibility, heating system repair or replacement, electrical, carpentry, structural and other needed repairs.

Wareham Village Streetscape Improvements, Phase I - \$477,000.00 CDBG; \$58,000.00 Program Income:

The first construction phase of a 4-phase design and construction project to improve the Wareham Village Streetscape; including paving, sidewalks, utility upgrades and other related improvements along Main Street in Wareham Village. This project is jointly funded with FY 2010 (\$305,870) and 2011 CDBG funds.

Public Social Services - \$149,000.00 CDBG (Exempt Activity)

Program Delivery and General Administration Costs - \$279,000.00 CDBG (Exempt Activity)

Estimated Total Funding: \$1,000,000 from CDBG funds
Location: Wareham, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

Except as otherwise noted, 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 determination for this project is on file at the Community Economic Development Authority (CEDA) office, at Memorial Town Hall, 54 Marion Road, Wareham, MA where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mark Andrews, Town Administrator, and Environmental Certifying Officer, Town of Wareham. All comments received by **August 11, 2011**, will be considered by the Town of Wareham prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Wareham will undertake the project described above with Block Grant Funds from DHCD under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Town of Wareham certifies to DHCD that the Town of Wareham and Mark Andrews, in his official capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer for the Town of Wareham, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Wareham to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Wareham'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 Town of Wareham; (b) The Town of Wareham 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 the State; (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.

The only bases upon which DHCD will disapprove the RROF and certification are set forth above. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76), and shall be addressed to the DHCD, Division of Community Services, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DHCD. Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. No objections received after fifteen days from receipt of the community's Request for Release of Funds and Certification will be considered by DHCD.

Mark Andrews, Town Administrator
Environmental Certifying Officer
Town of Wareham, Massachusetts

