

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

November 21, 2023

Town of Wareham
54 Marion Road
Wareham, Massachusetts 02571

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

To all interested agencies, groups, and persons:

On or about December 6, 2023 the Town of Wareham will submit a request to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) 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 2022/2023 Wareham Mini-Entitlement Grant, consisting of the following project activities:

Public Social Services: Funding to three agencies.

The activity listed above is exempt from review under 24 CFR part 58.34(a).

Wareham Housing Rehabilitation Program: Continuation of the Town's 25+ year housing rehabilitation program, providing deferred payment and low interest loans to low- and moderate-income residents in Wareham. The program finances repairs to address substandard conditions, code deficiencies and energy conservation needs.

Wareham Housing Authority – Redwood Park Window Replacements: CDBG funds will be used to replace windows in two residential buildings at the Redwood Park complex, a state-funded c.667 development for low-income elders and disabled persons. The complex was constructed c. 1972.

The proposed activities listed above 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 these project are on file at the Wareham Department of Planning and Community Development, Town Hall, 54 Marion Road, Wareham, MA 02571 and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Department of Planning and Community Development. All comments received by December 4, 2023 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 certifies to EOHLC that Derek Sullivan, in his capacity as the Town Administrator/Environmental Certifying Officer for the Town of Wareham, 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. EOHLC's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Wareham to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

EOHLC 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 EOHLC; 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 MA Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Community Services, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Derek D. Sullivan, Town Administrator
Environmental Certifying Officer
Town of Wareham, Massachusetts