

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 6, 2016
Town of Newport
15 Sunapee Street
Newport, NH 03773
Contact: Shelley Hadfield (603) 469-3584

On or about March 14, 2016 the Town of Newport will submit a request to the NH Community Finance Authority (CDFA) for the release of Community Development Block Grants Funds (CDBG) to undertake a project known as 15-229-CDHS - Maple Manor Energy Improvements. The project includes energy improvements at the Maple Manor Senior Housing Facility located at 44 Maple Street, Newport. Total CDBG funding, \$425,000, total project \$850,000.

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 determinations for this project is on file at the Planning and Zoning Office, 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town Manager, Town of Newport. All comments received by March 14, 2016 will be considered by the Town of Newport prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of Newport certifies to CDFA that Shane P. O'Keefe, in his capacity as Town Manager 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. CDFA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the town of Newport to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

CDFA will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Newport'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 Newport; (b) the Town of Newport 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 CDFA; 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 CDFA at 14 Dixon Street, Suite 101, Concord, NH 03301. Potential objectors should contact CDFA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Shane P. O'Keefe, Town Manager