

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

June 26, 2023

Grantee: Belknap County, 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH 03246

Certifying Officer: Peter Spanos, Chairman Board of Commissioners

Additional Contact: Donna Lane (603)344-7505 donnalanebdbg@roadrunner.com

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Belknap County (Grantee).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 14, 2023, the Belknap County will request CDFA/CDBG to release CDBG Program Funds for the proposed following activity: The proposed Lakes Region Community Developers (LRCD) project includes demolition of the buildings at 17 and 19 Bay Street and the new construction of a supportive housing building with 12 affordable, efficiency units, parking, utility connections, and landscaping.

CDBG Funds \$500,000, Other Funds \$2mil, Total Project cost \$2.5mil

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Grantee has determined that the project(s) will have no significant impact on the human environment. This determination is based on the assumption that the LRCD will get all required permits and will adhere to all applicable regulations. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required.

Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Grantee offices listed above and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. An electronic file may be requested at donnalanebdbg@roadrunner.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Grantee listed above. All comments received by July 13, 2023 will be considered by the Grantee prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Certifying Officer, Peter Spanos, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Belknap County, certifies to CDFA/CDBG and/or HUD, that in his/her capacity as Certifying Officer for the Grantee, that he/she 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/CDBG's and/or HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Grantees to use CDBG Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

CDFA/CDBG will accept objections to its release of funds and the Grantees 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 Grantees; (b) the Grantees have omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipients has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by CDFA/CDBG; 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 CDFA/CDBG, 14 Dixon Ave, Suite 102, Concord, NH 03301.

Potential objectors should contact CDFA/CDBG (603-226-2170) to verify the actual last day of the objection period (approximately July 31, 2023).