

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

February 23, 2016

## Town of North Providence

2000 Smith Street, North Providence, RI 02911

On or about March 12, 2016, the Town of North Providence will submit a request to the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program operated by the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission for the release of Community Development Block Grant program funds under Section 105(a) of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as St. Mary's Home for Children Heating and Access Upgrade, for the purpose of providing funds to convert heating systems for oil to gas, cooling system improvements, repair and tuck point a chimney, window replacement, remove asbestos related to the HVAC system, and handicap access improvements. Estimated funding for the Mary's Home for Children's Heating & Access Improvements at 400 and 460 Fruit Hill Avenue, and the main building at 420 Fruit Hill Avenue is \$158,000.00.

The activities proposed under the **St. Mary's Home for Children's Heating & Access Improvements** comprises a project for which the activities are categorically excluded from environmental review per 24 CFR §58.35 (a)(3)(i) and (a)(3)(ii), for which a finding of Categorical Exclusion was posted on February 23, 2016 at North Providence Town Hall, 2000 Smith Street, North Providence, RI 02911, and at the following locations:

- North Providence Union Free Public Library, 1810 Mineral Springs Ave., North Providence;
- North Providence Public Safety Building, 2226 Mineral Springs Ave., North Providence;
- This notice is also being posted on the Town's web site at [www.northprovidenceri.gov](http://www.northprovidenceri.gov).

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Mayor's Office, North Providence Town Hall, 2000 Smith Street, North Providence, RI 02911, where the ERR can be examined and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR. Comments shall be submitted in writing to the North Providence CDBG Office, c/o Mayor's Office, 2000 Smith Street, North Providence, RI 02911, and must be received by March 12, 2016. The North Providence CDBG Office will acknowledge and respond to all comments submitted by the deadline date of March 12, 2016. All comments will be considered by the North Providence CDBG office prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS:** The Honorable Charles Lombardi certifies to the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program Office and the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission that in his capacity as Mayor of the Town of North Providence 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. The Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant program's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town of North Providence to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS:** Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission will accept objections to its release of funds and the North Providence'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 North Providence; (b) North Providence 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/State; 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 RI Community Development Block Grant Program, RI Housing Resources Commission, One Capitol Hill, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Providence RI 02908. Potential objectors should contact HUD/State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer:

Charles A. Lombardi, Mayor, Town of North Providence, Rhode Island