

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about September 10, 2024 the Town of Chesterfield (Town) will submit a request to the Mass. Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a Housing Rehabilitation Program to provide housing rehabilitation grants of approximately \$63,536 per unit to eligible low and moderate-income homeowners in the Towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Peru, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. Total CDBG funding for the Housing Rehabilitation activity is \$936,826.60.

The proposed activity is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at section 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects are on file at Hilltown CDC, 387 Main Road, Chesterfield, MA 01012. Copies for examination may be requested weekdays from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town Selectboard. All comments received by September 9, 2024 will be considered prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The Town certifies to EOHLC that Patricia Colson-Montgomery in her capacity as a member of Selectboard 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. Ma EOHLC's approval of the Certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Chesterfield to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDS**

EOHLC will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Chesterfield'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; (b) the Town 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 HUD/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 (24CFR part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities at 100 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact HUD/EOHLC to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Patricia Colson-Montgomery  
Chesterfield Selectboard

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Thank You, Hilltown CDC