

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
AND TO RE-ALLOCATE \$14,316 AS PART OF THE RELEASE**

June 03, 2016

**Town of Coventry
1670 Flat River Road
Coventry, RI 02816
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On or about June 17, 2016 the Town of Coventry will submit a request to the Rhode Island Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD), One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 for the release of Community Development Block Program Year 2015 funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following three (3) activities as described below:

PROJECT TITLE #1: Failed Septic System & Cesspool Phase Out (Town-wide)

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: To alleviate low/moderate owner occupied income households of the cost burden associated with onsite waste water treatment systems and thereby providing a healthier environment.

**LOCATION OF PROJECT: Town-wide
Coventry, Kent County, Rhode Island
All Coventry Census Tracts are eligible**

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$64,316.00* with a cap of \$12,500 per household.

NATURE/SCOPE OF PROJECT: Replacement of cesspools with new septic systems and the repair of failed septic systems for low/moderate income owner occupied single family homes in Coventry.

PROJECT TITLE #2: Safety & Security-CHA Public Housing –Mulhearn Drive

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: When used in conjunction with additional funding of \$47,500.00 from CHA's Annual CFG Grant, this activity will insure a greater level of safety for a total of 195 units which house low income residents.

**LOCATION OF PROJECT: Mulhearn Drive
Coventry, Kent County, Rhode Island
Census Tract 206.04**

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$47,500.00 (1/2 the costs of the overall project.)

NATURE/SCOPE OF PROJECT: CDBG funds will be utilized to upgrade the aged surveillance video equipment encompassing the installation of a point-to-multi-point mesh network system and the replacement of analog cameras with high definition cameras for 96 units located at Mulhearn Drive.

PROJECT TITLE #3: Housing Rehabilitation-Set Aside Funding (Town-wide)

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: To alleviate low/moderate income owner occupied households of the cost burden associated with necessary major home repairs thereby providing a healthier environment.

LOCATION OF PROJECT: Town-wide
Coventry, Kent County, Rhode Island
All Coventry Census Tracts are eligible

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$34,600.00 with a cap of \$10,000 per low income household or \$5,000.00 for a moderate income household.

NATURE/SCOPE OF PROJECT: Replacement of leaking roofs; inadequate wells, windows and heating systems; vinyl siding (if determined necessary) and handicap ramps for low/moderate income owner occupied homes in Coventry.

*As part of this Community Development Block Program Year 2015 request for release, a request for re-allocation of \$14,316.00 within awarded funding is also being requested of the Rhode Island Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD), One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following change as described below:

PROJECT TITLE: 578-582 Washington St-Demolition \$14,316.00 be re-allocated to:

PROJECT TITLE #1: Failed Septic System & Cesspool Phase Out

The original project requested funding for demolition of a Town owned property obtained from HUD through their \$1 House Program. Because of the deterioration of the building's façade overhang the building had to be demolished under an emergency situation due to public safety reasons. This demolition activity took place prior to the PY'15 award notice therefore the activity no longer meets CDBG guidelines as stated under section (c) of the Objections section of this notice.

The Town of Coventry is requesting a re-allocation and subsequent release of the \$14,316.00 awarded for the above mentioned project to their awarded activity Project Title #1: Failed Septic Systems & Cesspool Phase Out. This would bring the total requested amount to be released under Project Title #1: Failed Septic Systems & Cesspool Phase Out to \$64,316.00 as stated under that activity.

The above 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 these projects are on file at the office of Planning and Zoning Department, 1675 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI where the ERR can be examined and also where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays (exclusive of Holidays) from 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR in person to the office cited above or in writing to the attention of Gail Hardink, CDBG Program Coordinator, at mailing address: Coventry Planning and Development Department, 1670 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI 02816 where mail is received for the office. All comments received by June 16, 2016 will be considered by the Town of Coventry prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of Coventry certifies to OHCD that Ed Warzycha in his capacity as Acting 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. OHCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Coventry to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

OHCD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Coventry'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 Coventry; (b) the Town of Coventry 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 OHCD; 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 OHCD at: Office of Housing and Community Development, One Capitol Hill, 3rd Floor, Providence, RI 02908. Potential objectors should contact OHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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