**LEGAL NOTICE**

**COMBINED NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

February 3, 2025

City of Peabody
North Shore HOME Consortium
City Hall, 24 Lowell Street
Peabody, Massachusetts 01960
Telephone # 978-538-5774

Massachusetts Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC)
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300
Boston, MA 02114

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by EOHLC.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about February 19, 2025 EOHLC and the North Shore HOME Consortium will submit requests to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) funds under Section 8, The Housing Act of 1937, as amended, for the project known as the YWCA Residences at Ingalls Court 2 located at 14 Ingalls Court in Methuen, MA, which will develop 48 units of rental housing for seniors, of which 11 will be HOME assisted.  The project anticipates $516,376 in HOME funds through North Shore Consortium and City of Methuen, $1,000,000 in HOME funds through EOHLC and eight project – based Section 8 vouchers through EOHLC. Additional public funding anticipated includes State and Federal Low-income housing tax credits, MA Housing Stabilization Funds, National Housing Trust Funds, MA Community Based Housing Funds, and MA Passive Housing Incentive Funds. The project sponsor is the YWCA of Newburyport. The total estimated project cost is approximately $25,107,941.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Both agencies have determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. 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) and is available upon request at the City of Peabody Department of Community Development and Planning, Peabody City Hall, 24 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA 01960 or at EOHLC, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114 and may be examined or copied during normal business hours; City of Peabody: Mon-Wed 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Thursday 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM or at EOHLC: Mon-Fri 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on this activity may submit written comments to EOHLC or to the City of Peabody at the respective addresses indicated above. All comments received by February 18, 2025, will be considered by these agencies prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice and proposed project they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The North Shore HOME Consortium certifies that Mayor Edward Bettencourt, Jr., and the Commonwealth of MA acting through EOHLC certifies to HUD that Catherine Racer is in her capacity as Certifying Officer, consent 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.  HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the project, to use HUD program funds for the purpose specified.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Commonwealth of Mass. 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 Commonwealth of MA; (b) the Commonwealth of MA have 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; 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 via email to CPDRROFBOS@hud.gov in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Environmental Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Boston, MA.  Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr., Mayor, City of Peabody, MA

Catherine Racer, Undersecretary, EOHLC