

## COMBINED NOTICE NOIRROF/FONSI/NOTICE OF FLOODPLAIN ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

### COMBINED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS, FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF FLOODPLAIN ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

City of Salem, Dept. of Planning & Community Development      Issued: October 29, 2014  
120 Washington Street      Expires:      November 13, 2014  
Salem, MA 01970  
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#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 14, 2014, the City of Salem will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a projects known as Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Congress & Dow Street Apartments at 54-56 Palmer, 103-109 Congress and 52-60 Dow Street for the purpose of acquiring and rehabbing two buildings into 35 housing units and 1 commercial space with estimated CDBG funding of \$100,000.

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Salem has determined that the projects 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Salem Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) and may be examined or copied Monday through Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to noon.

#### NOTICE OF FLOODPLAIN ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

The DPCD has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 to determine the potential affect that these activities in the floodplain will have on the environment. The DPCD has determined that it has no practicable alternative other than to approve the actions to occur in the floodplain area. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

- Both buildings are existing rental housing and, for all but one unit, will remain rental housing; and
- There are no known potentially adverse impacts.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Salem Department of Planning & Community Development. All comments received by November 13, 2014 will be considered by the City of Salem prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Salem certifies to HUD that Kimberley Driscoll, in her capacity as Mayor, 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Salem to use Program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the RE'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 City of Salem (b) the City of Salem 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; 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 HUD, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kimberley Driscoll, Mayor  
City of Salem