

CITY OF EVERETT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIR/ROF)

Posted in accordance with provisions of Mass. General Laws Chapter 30A - Sections 18-25

June 30, 2021

City of Everett  
Department of Planning and Development  
484 Broadway, Room 25  
Everett, Massachusetts 02149

on June 30, 2021 at 1:41 pm  
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City Clerk

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CITY OF EVERETT, MASS.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

To all interested agencies, groups, and persons:

On or about July 12, 2021, the City of Everett will submit a request to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as: FY 2020 Everett Mini-Entitlement Plan Grant, consisting of the following project activities:

Public Social Services: Funding to five agencies.

The activity cited above is exempt from review under 24 CFR part 58.34(a).

Housing Production Plan: Updating the City's Housing Production Plan which expired in 2020. This will afford Everett the ability to identify proactive steps to increase the supply of affordable housing and to help resident's access resources to make housing more affordable to them and enable the City to achieve compliance with Chapter 40B and accommodate the housing needs of low-income residents.

The activity cited above is exempt from review under 24 CFR part 58.34(a).

Design of Chelsea Street Playground: Updating the Chelsea Street Playground

The activity cited above is exempt from review under 24 CFR part 58.34(a).

The grant will also consist of one activity that is categorically excluded under 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i) and Part 58'35(a)(1), respectively:

Everett Housing Rehabilitation Program\*: Continuation of the City's housing rehabilitation program, providing deferred payment loans to low- and moderate-income residents in Everett's CDBG target areas. The program finances repairs to address substandard conditions, code deficiencies and energy conservation needs.

Total Funding: \$825,000 from CDBG funds

Location: Everett, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

\*The proposed activity listed above is 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 this project is on file at the Everett Department of Planning and Development, City Hall, 484 Broadway, Room 25,

Everett, MA 02149 and may be examined or copied Monday and Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M., and Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Community Development Department. All comments received by July 10, 2021, will be considered by the City of Everett prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Everett certifies to DHCD that Tom Philbin, in his capacity as the Environmental Certifying Officer for the City of Everett, 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. DHCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Everett to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

DHCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Everett'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 Everett; (b) the City of Everett 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 DHCD; 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 MA Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Community Services, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tom Philbin, Conservation Planner  
Environmental Certifying Officer  
City of Everett, Massachusetts

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