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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Woonsocket Housing Authority Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

FROM: Robert R. Moreau
Executive Director Woonsocket Housing Authority

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL NOTICE

DATE: August 13, 2020

For your information, the legal notice ("Notice") being sent with this memo is to notify all interested parties of the Woonsocket Housing Authority's Finding of Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds. This is being done in compliance with HUD's environmental review process and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58. The "Notice" also is being prominently displayed/posted at all WHA buildings, posted on the Authority's website (www.woonsockethousing.org).

Any comments may be sent to the address Woonsocket Housing Authority, 679 Social Street Woonsocket RI, 02895; ATTN. Executive Director **"Notice" and needs to be dated.**

Thank you,

Robert R. Moreau
Executive Director

Woonsocket Housing Authority
Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

To all interested agencies, groups and persons, on or about **August 13, 2020** (following comment period of at least **15 days** from the date of posting per 24 CFR 58.45), the Woonsocket Housing Authority will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of funds from Capital Fund Grant (CF). The funds will be used to implement the Woonsocket Housing Authority’s Capital Fund Program **FY 2018-2019**. The following projects included in the Annual Statement Performance and Evaluation Report are not exempt from 24 CFR Part 58.34 Subpart D—Environmental Review Process. Therefore, public notice is required and comments solicited.

PROGRAM	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT	LOCATION
CF	Exterior Siding & Trim Work at Morin Heights Administration Bldg. and Bldgs. 1, 2, 3	\$969,491*	Morin Heights 66 Morin Heights Blvd Woonsocket, RI 02895

* continued funding from prior years and potential funding in future years

Finding of No Significant Impact An environmental review of the projects not listed has been made by Sage Environmental Inc. and has determined that the project will not have any significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the national Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (PL 91-910) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file and available for public examination and copying in the office of the undersigned during regular business hours.

Public Comments All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to the Woonsocket Housing Authority at the office of the undersigned. All comments should be received at the address specified within **15 days** from the date of posting of a request for release of funds will consider all such comments so received. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

Release of Funds The Woonsocket Housing Authority certifies to HUD that the Certifying Officer in his capacity as Executive Director consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environment 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 Woonsocket Housing Authority to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Executive Director’s certification for a period of **15 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 Woonsocket Housing Authority; (b) the Woonsocket Housing Authority 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. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to: US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Massachusetts State Office, New England Area, Thomas P. O’Neill Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert R. Moreau, Executive Director
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Posted: Woonsocket Housing Authority’s Main Office
Kennedy Manor, Crepeau, Court, Parkview Manor,
St. Germain Manor, Morin Heights and Bourdon Boulevard
Family Developments Main Office
The Woonsocket Call
Authority’s Website www.woonsockethousing.org

Notice sent to individuals and groups known to be interested in the activities.
Notice sent to local news media, appropriate tribal, local, state and federal agencies;
the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency having jurisdiction and
the HUD Field Office.