



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

September 29, 2017

Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation
44 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 457-1129

This Notice shall satisfy a procedural requirement for an activity to be undertaken by Rhode Island Housing.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 10, 2017 Rhode Island Housing will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the approval of FHA Risk Share Insurance for the following project:

Centennial Towers Apartments
35 Goff Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Subsidized Properties III, L.P. proposes re-financing and moderate rehabilitation of the property – Centennial Towers Apartments, a housing development that is income restricted for senior individuals over sixty-two (62) and disabled individual and family households. The site is occupied by a nine-story, elevator-served, building that contains ninety-three (93) one-bedroom and eight (8) two-bedroom units for a total of one-hundred one (101) rental units. The moderate rehabilitation includes upgrades to the building's handicap accessibility, fire sprinkler and fire detection systems, and electric service by replacement of the unit-level 'Stab-Lok' circuit breaker panels. In addition there will be refurbishment of the existing windows, painting and carpet replacement in the common hallways, routine cyclical replacement of in-unit floor coverings and installation of proper GFCI outlets in the bathrooms and kitchens, along with hard piping the dryers and exhaust fans. This project proposal for preservation financing and the purchase of Risk Share Insurance is to preserve one-hundred and one (101) Project-based Section 8 subsidized units.

The activity proposed 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 determination for this project is on file at Rhode Island Housing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Rhode Island Housing. All comments received by October 9, 2017, will be considered by Rhode Island Housing prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify the Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Rhode Island Housing certifies to HUD that Carol A. Ventura, in her capacity as Deputy Director 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 Rhode Island Housing to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Rhode Island Housing'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 Rhode Island Housing (b) Rhode Island Housing 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 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Thomas P. O'Neil 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.



Carol A. Ventura
Deputy Director

Date

9/29/17