

# **Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds**

Date: April 15, 2014

Grantee: Town of Exeter

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Exeter.

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about May 5, 2014, the Town of Exeter, will request CDFA/CDBG to release CDBG Program Funds for the proposed Meeting Place III Affordable Housing project. Of the \$500,000 in CDBG funds, \$475,000 will be sub-granted to Avesta Housing for acquisition and/or infrastructure/sitework costs for the creation of 39 units of affordable housing for persons of low and moderate income. The Meeting Place site is Meeting Place Road, off Epping Road, in Exeter. In addition, there may be future housing developments at this Meeting Place site, as there have been 2 buildings developed prior to this (these) future developments using CDBG funds via Exeter or Rockingham County. This notice will serve as notice for the current Meeting Place III project and any future Developments at the Meeting Place site (or adjacent site on Epping Road).

Meeting Place III Funding: CDBG Funds: \$500,000. Other Funds: \$7,977,409+/- Total Project Cost: \$8,477,409+/-

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Town of Exeter has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. This determination is based on the assumption that the project owner will obtain all permits required and will adhere to all applicable regulations. 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) on file at the Town of Exeter, 10 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire 03833 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Julie Gilman, Chairwoman, Board of Selectmen. All comments received by May 5, 2014 will be considered by the town of Exeter prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Julie Gilman certifies to CDFA/CDBG that in his capacity as Chairwoman, Board of Selectmen, he 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. CDFA/CDBG's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town of Exeter to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

CDFA/CDBG will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Exeter'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 Town of Exeter; (b) the Town of Exeter 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 CDFA/CDBG; 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 CDFA/CDBG, 14 Dixon Ave, Suite 102, Concord, NH 03301. Potential objectors should contact CDFA/CDBG (226-2170) to verify the actual last day of the objection period (approximately May 19, 2014).

Julie Gilman, Chairwoman, Board of Selectmen