

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)

March 11, 2026

Town of Warren
PO Box 609
Warren, MA 01083
413-435-5701

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS;

On or about March 25, 2026, the Town of Warren will submit a request to the MA Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, for the purpose of the following project(s):

FY 2022/23 Warren Community Assistance Program:

Main Street Improvement Project: This project will result in the demolition of six concrete staircases and reconstructing them in-kind using high-density concrete designed to withstand heavy foot traffic and harsh weather conditions. The staircases vary in height ranging from two steps to five steps. The project will occur along Main Street in Warren Center at the intersection of Routes 67 and 19, and in front of several local businesses. After installation, a concrete sealing agent will be applied to the surface for added durability and protection. The construction cost estimate is approximately \$150,000.

The activities proposed are 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 Selectmen's Office, Warren Municipal Building, 48 High Street, Warren, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. with prior arrangement by calling 413-436-5701.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Warren Town Administrator's Office. All comments received by March 26, 2026, will be considered by James Ferrera, Environmental Certifying Officer, prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Warren certifies to the EOHLC that James Ferrera, in his official capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer, consent 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. The EOHLC's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Warren to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The EOHLC will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Warren'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 Warren;
- (b) The Town of Warren 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 the EOHLC; 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. 55.76) and shall be addressed to the MA Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact the EOHLC to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James Ferrera, Town Administrator
Environmental Certifying Officer
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