NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)

May 5, 2022

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

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS;

On or about May 17, 2022, the Town of Warren will submit a request to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) 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 2021 Warren Community Assistance Program:

1. **School Street Improvement Project:** This proposed project is part of a phased public works improvement project. The primary objective through this construction phase will include the replacement of up to approximately 1,400 l.f of water main and the reconstruction of 2,150 square feet of a roadside retaining wall, and other accoutrements in association with the primary work. Approximate cost is $650,000.

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 Office of Community Development. All comments received by **May 16, 2022** will be considered by Karen Dusty, Environmental Certifying Officer, prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Warren certifies to the DHCD that Karen Dusty, in her 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 DHCD'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 DHCD 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 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. 55.76) and shall be addressed to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact the DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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Environmental Certifying Officer
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