

City of Portland Environmental Review – July 13, 2013 NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 23, 2013 the City of Portland will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of CDBG and HOME funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION:

The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this/these program(s), are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58. In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target area(s) listed below:

HNS Division: Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program and Homebuyer Assistance Program for City & County

Public Improvements: Anderson Street Byway

Public Improvements: Big Belly Solar Waste Compactors

Public Improvements: Cumberland Ave Sidewalk and Lighting

Public Improvements: Handicap Access Ramps Upgrades

Public Improvements: CDBG Neighborhood Trees

Economic Development: Façade Improvement Program

Economic Development: Business Assistance Program

Portland Housing Authority: Sagamore Village Playground Improvement, 21 Popham St

Youth and Family Outreach: Program Expansion and Renovation, 331 Cumberland Ave

IRIS Network: Phase III HVAC Upgrade, 189 Park Ave

Mayo Street Arts: Roof Repair, 10 Mayo St

Additional project information is in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) file with additional information in each project file available weekdays 8:30AM to 4:00PM at:

City of Portland, Maine 389 Congress Street Room 312, Portland, Maine 04101

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record to the City of Portland's Division of Housing and Neighborhood Services. All comments received by July 22, 2013 to the above address will be considered by the City of Portland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS

The City of Portland certifies to HUD that Mark H. Rees in his official capacity as City Manager 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 the City of Portland Maine to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Paula Newcomb, Senior CPD Representative, U.S. Department of HUD, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. No objections received 15 days after HUD's receipt of the Request for Release of Funds will be considered.