

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

July 26, 2016
CITY OF CHICOPEE - OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 14, 2016 the City of Chicopee, Office of Community Development, will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. CDBG funds shall be used to undertake the cleanup of contaminated sites at three (3) Buildings (#28 North, #28 North Extension, and #28 South) of the former Uniroyal Tire Complex, 154 Grove Street in Chicopee MA, which are all unoccupied. CDBG funds will be used in conjunction with EPA Brownfields Program funding. Each building will utilize \$40,000 (\$120,000 total) of CDBG funds to match the three (3) EPA grant awards of \$200,000 for each building (\$600,000 total EPA). CDBG funds in the amount of \$225,000 will be utilized for improvements to Sarah Jane Sherman Park, 21 Vivian Street, Chicopee, MA and for \$40,000 for Phase II improvements at Lucy Wisniowski Memorial Park, Cooney Place. \$100,000 of CDBG funds will be committed for Improvements to Facilities owned by Non-Profit Organizations. This activity is eligible City-Wide. \$109,287 of CDBG funds will fund business development opportunities at the former Uniroyal site.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Chicopee, Office of Community Development has determined that these projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. 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) for these activities, which are on file at the Office of Community Development, 38 Center Street, Chicopee, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays between 9:00A.M. and 4:00P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments by August 13, 2016 to the Chicopee Office of Community Development (OCD). All comments received by OCD will be considered prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds to HUD. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing, the Finding of No Significant Impact or the Intent to Request Release of Grant Funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Chicopee, Office of Community Development, certifies to the United States Department of

Housing & Urban Development (HUD) that Richard J. Kos, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Chicopee, 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 Chicopee to use CDBG funds for the purpose specified.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Chicopee'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 the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Chicopee; (b) the City of Chicopee, Office of Community Development, 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 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) and shall be addressed to HUD at the Boston Area Office, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact the Environmental Officer at HUD Boston to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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