

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

April 7, 2017

Grantees and their Certifying Officers:

Grafton County, 3855, Dartmouth College Highway, Haverhill, NH 03774, Linda D. Lauer, Chairman, Board of Commissioners (603)787-6941;

Town of Bethlehem, 2155 Main St, Bethlehem, NH 03574, Mary Moritz, Chairman, Board of Selectmen (603)869-3351

Additional Contact: Donna Lane (603)344-7505 donnalanebdbg@roadrunner.com

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Grafton County and/or the Town of Bethlehem (Grantees).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 25, 2017, the Town of Bethlehem and/or Grafton County will request CDFA/CDBG to release CDBG Program Funds for the proposed following activities: the construction of the new Friendship House, a substance abuse treatment center at 2957 Main Street, Bethlehem, NH. The existing facility will be demolished upon construction of the new facility.

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$5million+/- . CDBG Public Facilities Funding: Up to \$500,000; CDBG Economic Development Funding: Up to \$500,000; Other Funding: Remainder

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Grantees have determined that the project(s) will have no significant impact on the human environment. This determination is based on the assumption that Friendship House will get all required permits and will adhere to all applicable regulations. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. No recognized environmental conditions are known to exist at this property. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Grantee offices listed above and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. An electronic file may be requested at donnalanebdbg@roadrunner.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Grantees listed above. All comments received by April 24, 2017 will be considered by the Grantees prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Certifying Officers: Linda D. Lauer, Chairman Grafton County Board of Commissioners, Mary Moritz, Chairman Bethlehem Board of Selectmen,

The Certifying Officers certify to CDFA/CDBG and/or HUD, that in their capacity as Certifying Officers for the Grantees, that they 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 and/or HUD's approval of the

certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Grantees to use CDBG Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

CDFA/CDBG will accept objections to its release of funds and the Grantees 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 Grantees; (b) the Grantees have omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipients 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 10, 2017).