

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

March 9, 2017

State of Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH)  
505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
Hermia Delaire, CDBG-DR Certifying Officer, (860) 270-8149

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS:** On or about March 26, 2017 DOH will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds from the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) State of Connecticut Disaster Recovery Program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383). These funds will be used for the Mitigation and Resiliency Projects for Union Avenue, in the City of New Haven: \$1,500,000 for planning for Phase One: Design Cost for Hill-to-Downtown/Union Avenue and \$2,500,000 for the project known as the Downtown Green Infrastructure Project. The project location is in the Downtown Drainage area, roughly delineated as Grove Street on the north, Dwight and Howard Avenues on the west, State Street and Church Street on the east, and Columbus Avenue and Union Avenue on the south. The project proposes to install green infrastructure within the 550 acre downtown drainage area to mitigate the impacts of storm water runoff on the City's storm sewer systems. The total project cost is \$5,333,334 and will be funded by a \$4,000,000 CDBG-DR Grant and a match of \$1,333,334 by the City of New Haven.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:** The DOH has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record on file at DOH, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT and may be examined or copied weekdays between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on either the project or the intent to request a release of funds may submit written comments to Hermia Delaire, Certifying Officer for CDBG-DR, at DOH. All comments received by March 25, 2017 will be considered by DOH prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS:** DOH certifies to HUD that Hermia Delaire, in her capacity as a DOH Certifying Officer 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 DOH to use CDBG-DR Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDS:** HUD will consider objections to its release of CDBG-DR and DOH's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or their actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of DOH; (b) DOH 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 CDBG-DR 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). Objections

to HUD's release of CDBG-DR funds shall be addressed to the HUD Hartford Office at One Corporate Center, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hartford, CT 06103. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.