

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

June 16, 2022

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The purpose of this notice is to satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Hinesburg and the State of Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

Request for Release of Funds

On or about July 2, 2022, the Town of Hinesburg will submit a request to the Agency to release funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL93-383), the National Affordable Housing Act as amended; and the Agency will submit a request to HUD to release HOME Investment Partnership Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended to undertake a project known as the Kelley's Field II project located at 87 Kelley's Field Road, Hinesburg, VT, which comprises approximately 6.49 acres. Project activities include new construction of an approximately 24 unit senior housing residential building, parking lot, sidewalks, and a relocated pavilion. The property is currently developed with three affordable senior housing apartment buildings. Radon mitigation will be completed if warranted. Tree cutting is not anticipated but if there is tree cutting there are restrictions in timing or prior to additional assessment. This proposed project is not anticipated to impact endangered or threatened species or their habitat.

The estimated total cost of the project is approximately \$9,526,300 including anticipated amounts of approximately \$600,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and approximately \$675,000 in HOME funds. The project also anticipates approximately 8 Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Town of Hinesburg and the Agency have 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 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project

information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) which will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the Town of Hinesburg, 10632 Route 116, Hinesburg, VT 05461 or via email at todit@hinesburg.org or via U.S. mail to Environmental Officer, Department of Housing and Community Development, National Life Building, One National Life Drive, Davis Building 6th floor, Montpelier, Vermont 05620 or via email at Grace.Vinson@vermont.gov.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Hinesburg regarding the use of CDBG funds, attn. Mr. Todd Odit, Town Manager, 10632 Route 116, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or via email at todit@hinesburg.org or to the Agency for the use of HOME funds, Attn: Environmental Officer, Department of Housing and Community Development, National Life Building, One National Life Drive, Davis Building 6th floor, Montpelier, Vermont 05620, or via email at Grace.Vinson@vermont.gov. All comments received by July 1, 2022 will be considered by the Town of Hinesburg and the Agency prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments must specify which Notice they are addressing—the Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for the Release of Funds.

Environmental Certification

The Town of Hinesburg is certifying to the Agency that the Town of Hinesburg and Todd Odit, in his official capacity as Town Manager, and the Agency is certifying to HUD that the Agency and Josh Hanford, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the VT Department of Housing and Community Development, 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 Agency's/HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Hinesburg to use CDBG funds and the Agency to use the HOME funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

The Agency will accept objections to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the Town of Hinesburg's certification, and HUD will accept objections to its approval of the release of funds and the State'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 Officers Todd Odit / Josh Hanford; (b) the Town/Agency 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 Agency/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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Director of Community Planning

and Development CPD_COVID-19OEE-BOS@hud.gov for the HOME funds. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the last day of the objection period.