CITY OF PITTSFIELD

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RRF)

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Department of Community Development
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NOTICE:
Issued: June 3, 2019
Expires: June 13, 2019
Grant #: B19-MC-25-0020

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about June 14, 2019, the City of Pittsfield’s Department of Community Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for the following projects:

1. PROJECT TITLE: Housing Rehabilitation – Estimated CDBG grant funds: $248,996

   PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Loans and deferred payment loans to income eligible, residential, owner-occupied and tenant-occupied housing. Also available are: lead paint grants; and hardship grants for emergency repairs. Locations to be determined.

2. PROJECT TITLE: Handicapped Access Grants – Residential Housing – Estimated CDBG grant funds: $25,000

   PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The installation of exterior ramps at residential housing units occupied by handicapped persons. Locations to be determined.

3. PROJECT TITLE: Economic Development Loans – Estimated CDBG grant funds: $62,922

   PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Low interest rate loans to small businesses in conjunction with other public and private sources. Recipients and locations of loans to be determined

4. PROJECT TITLE: Vacant Building Demolitions – Estimated CDBG grant funds: $199,030

   PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The demolition of vacant, condemned structures for health and safety reasons. Locations to be determined

5. PROJECT TITLE: Removal of Architectural Barriers – Estimated CDBG grant funds: $75,000

   PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Deferred payment loans for private and non-profit, non-residential, property owners to make handicapped accessible improvements to their buildings. Locations to be determined.

6. PROJECT TITLE: Sidewalk Reconstruction/Curb Cuts – Estimated CDBG grant funds: $189,031

   PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The reconstruction of sidewalks and installation of curb cuts. Locations to be determined.

Note: All projects are to be located in Pittsfield (Berkshire County), MA
The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for each of these projects has been prepared and is on file at the Pittsfield Department of Community Development (DCD), Room 205, Pittsfield City Hall, 70 Allen Street, Pittsfield, MA, and may be examined or copied at the DCD office on weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Pittsfield Department of Community Development. All comments received by 4:00 p.m., June 13, 2019 will be considered by the City of Pittsfield prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Pittsfield certifies to HUD that Linda M. Tyer, in her official capacity as Mayor, 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 Pittsfield to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Pittsfield’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 Officer of the City of Pittsfield; (b) the City of Pittsfield 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 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, Sec. 58.76), and shall be addressed to HUD at 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Linda M. Tyer, Mayor  
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