CITY OF PITTSFIELD

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

City of Pittsfield
Department of Community Development
City Hall - 70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Notice:
Issued: June 23, 2020
Expires: July 3, 2020
Grant #: B20-MC-25-0020

Contact: Deanna L. Ruffer, Director
Telephone: (413) 499-9368

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about July 6, 2020, 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: Skate Park Improvements – Estimated CDBG grant funds: $150,000

   PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Planned improvements at the Skate Park.

2. PROJECT TITLE: Homeless Shelter Improvements – Estimated CDBG grant funds: $100,000

   PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The rehabilitation of 55 Fenn Street for use as an emergency and winter shelter.

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. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR 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 Pittsfield Department of Community Development (DCD), Room 205, Pittsfield City Hall, 70 Allen Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201 or by email to jdodds@cityofpittsfield.org. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website www.cityofpittsfield.org

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., July 3, 2020 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 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 CPD_COVID-19OEE-BOS@HUD.GOV. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Linda M. Tyer, Mayor
70 Allen Street, City Hall
Pittsfield, MA 01201

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