

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

August 15, 2024

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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 Randolph and the State of Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (Agency).

**Request for Release of Funds**

On or about August 31, 2024, the Town of Randolph will submit a request to the Agency to release Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL93-383) and 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 Hedding-Church-Forest Housing located at: 5 Church Street, 18 Forest Street, and 3 & 5 Hedding Drive, Randolph, VT 05060. The proposed project includes three locations in Randolph and includes the rehabilitation of existing affordable housing at the Forest and Church Street locations, and the new construction of three residential, affordable buildings at Hedding Drive. There will be an increase of 28 new units.

The estimated total cost of the project is approximately \$13,713,697 including anticipated amounts of approximately \$1,000,000 in CDBG Funds, approximately \$960,000 in HOME funds, and approximately \$890,776 in National Housing Trust Funds. In addition, approximately 13 existing and 8 new project based vouchers (a total of 21) from the Vermont State Housing Authority are anticipated.

Post-renovation radon testing will be performed to ensure radon levels are less than 4.0 picocuries/liter, as required by the Environmental Protection Agency. If levels meet or exceed this threshold, the mitigation systems will be installed and activated and additional radon testing will be performed to ensure levels are less than 4.0 picocuries/liter. Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) and Lead Based Paint materials (LBP) inspections must be completed by a licensed contractor prior to renovation, as required by state and federal laws at the Hedding Drive and

Forest Street locations. Any identified materials will be properly abated and in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.

### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

The Town of Randolph 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, 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 Attn:, Mark Rosalbo, Economic Development Director, Town of Randolph, Drawer B, Randolph, VT 05060 or via email at [mark@randolphvt.org](mailto:mark@randolphvt.org); or by U.S. mail to Environmental Officer, Department of Housing and Community Development, National Life Building, One National Life Drive, Davis Building 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Montpelier, Vermont 05620 or via email at [Grace.Vinson@vermont.gov](mailto:Grace.Vinson@vermont.gov).

### **Public Comments**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Randolph regarding the use of CDBG funds, Attn: Mark Rosalbo, Economic Development Director, Town of Randolph, Drawer B, Randolph, VT 05060 or via email at [mark@randolphvt.org](mailto:mark@randolphvt.org) or by U.S. mail to Environmental Officer, Department of Housing and Community Development, National Life Building, One National Life Drive, Davis Building 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Montpelier, Vermont 05620 or via email at [Grace.Vinson@vermont.gov](mailto:Grace.Vinson@vermont.gov).

All comments received by August 30, 2024 will be considered by the Town of Randolph 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 Randolph is certifying to the Agency that the Town of Randolph and Trevor M. Lashua, in his official capacity as Town Manager, and the Agency is certifying to HUD that the Agency and Alex Farrell, 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 Randolph 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 Randolph'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 Trevor M. Lashua/Alex Farrell; (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 Environmental Officer at ACCD [Grace.Vinson@vermont.gov](mailto:Grace.Vinson@vermont.gov) for the CDBG funds, or to the HUD Director of Community Planning and Development [CPD\\_COVID-19OEE-BOS@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_COVID-19OEE-BOS@hud.gov) for the HOME funds. Potential objectors should contact the Agency/HUD via email to verify the last day of the objection period.