

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INTENT TO REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS**

September 18, 2018
Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development
20 Crestmont Road
Verona, NJ 07044
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 4, 2018 the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME Program) to be used for the following projects:

<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
White Rock Urban Renewal Associates, L.P. Hilltop Drive & White Rock Road North Caldwell, New Jersey, 07006 Tax Block 101 Lot 3.02 New Construction of 11 HOME units for low income persons	\$750,000

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development 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 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 20 Crestmont Road, Verona, NJ 07044 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., please note an appointment is required and copy requests are subject to all requirements of the Open Public Records Act.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development. All comments received by **October 3, 2018** will be considered by the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development will undertake the projects described above with the Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Essex County is certifying to HUD that Essex County and Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. in his official capacity of County Executive, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if any action is brought to enforce responsibility in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal affect of the certification is that upon his approval, Essex County may use the 2016 and 2017 Action Plan Grant Funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not, in fact, executed by the chief executive officer or other office of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review required by HUD regulations at 24CFR 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 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) and shall be addressed to the HUD grant administration office at One Newark Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Objections to the release of funds on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD.

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