

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

July 25, 2023

Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development
20 Crestmont Road
Verona, New Jersey 07044
(973) 655 0200

This notice 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 August 10, 2023 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, as amended, commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnerships Program or HOME Program, to be used for the following projects:

ACTIVITIES

The Arc of Essex County, Inc	\$395,000
45 Beechtree Road, West Caldwell, New Jersey	
Rehabilitation of the residential property located at 45 Beechtree Road, West Caldwell, New Jersey. Upon completion, this property will provide permanent, supportive housing for four (4) very low income persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. All four units will be designated as HOME assisted Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units.	

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development has determined that the activity described above 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 these projects or the Finding of No Significant Impact may submit written comments to the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development at 20 Crestmont Road, Verona, New Jersey 07044 on or before August 9, 2023. All comments received by August 9, 2023 will be considered by the Division of Housing & Community Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Essex certifies to HUD that the County of Essex 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 responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal affect of the certification is that upon HUD's approval, HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and related laws and authorities and the County of Essex is allowed to use the 2017 and 2018 Consolidated Annual Grant Funds.

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 applicants 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 24 CFR 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Newark HUD grant administration office at CPD_COVID-19OEE-NK@hud.gov.

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. HUD will not consider objections to the release of funds on the basis other than those stated above.

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