

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

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Sullivan County, New Hampshire.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about January 15, 2020, Sullivan County will submit a request to the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (NHCDFA) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as Transitional Re-entry And Inmate Life Skills for the purpose of redevelopment of an existing commercial building into 30 units of transitional housing with on-site supportive services. The project is located at 19 Sullivan Street in downtown Claremont, New Hampshire and the total cost is estimated to be \$3,300,000 with approximately \$500,000 of that in CDBG funds.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Sullivan County 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 the Sullivan County Commissioner's Office located at 14 Main Street, Newport, New Hampshire and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Commissioners of Sullivan County. All comments received by January 14, 2020 will be considered by Sullivan County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

Sullivan County certifies to NHCDFA that Jeffrey Barrett in his capacity as Chairman of County Commissioners 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. NHCDFA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Sullivan County to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

NHCDFA will accept objections to its release of funds and Sullivan County'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 Sullivan County; (b) Sullivan County 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 NHCDFA; 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 NHCDFA at 14 Dixon Ave, Suite 102 Concord, NH 03301. Potential objectors should contact NHCDFA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jeffrey Barrett, Chairman of County Commissioners