

## **Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds**

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

*Date of Notice:* September 24, 2024

*Name of Responsible Entity [RE]:* Town of Jamestown, RI

*Address (e.g., Street No. or P.O. Box):* 93 Narragansett Avenue

*City, State, Zip Code:* Jamestown, RI, 02835

*Telephone Number of RE:* 401-423-7209

**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Jamestown, RI.** These funds are needed on an emergency basis due to health and safety issues at the Jamestown Housing Authority location at 45 Pemberton Avenue, Jamestown, RI. The 15-day comment period for the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds and the 15-day HUD objection period have been combined. Any comments or objections should be submitted to both the Town of Jamestown and to HUD per the instructions outlined below.

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about October 10, 2024 the Town of Jamestown, RI will authorize the Jamestown Housing Authority, RI to submit a request to the HUD Boston Regional Office, Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of HUD Public Housing Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Grant funds under Title 24 CFR Part 905, Subpart B 204 of the of the Housing and Urban Development Act, 1964 as amended, , to undertake a project known as Jamestown, RI Housing Authority Electric/heat Emergency Grant for the purpose of electrical and heat upgrades for a total HUD/Non-HUD funding of \$1,575,000 (HUD: \$1,488,677/Rhode Island Energy: \$86,323) for the purpose of necessary electrical and heat upgrades. The funds will be used to replace the original sole source heat-oil fired boiler (1968) supplying heat and hot water to 35 units of senior/disabled public housing as well as electrical upgrades (including trenching for new conduit, new electrical pole and transformer) to bring the Federal Pacific breakers, which are faulty and outdated into compliance and handle the new load for 35 new energy efficient mini-splits. HUD has mandated that the heating system be brought up to code to avoid relocation of the residents due to lack of insurance due to the outdated equipment on site.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Town of Jamestown RI 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 Town of Jamestown, RI, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI. The ERR is also posted on the Town of Jamestown

website, [www.jamestownri.gov](http://www.jamestownri.gov), at the Jamestown Police Station (250 Conanicus Avenue) and the Town of Jamestown public notice board (93 Narragansett Avenue) and may be examined or copied in person weekdays 8:30A.M. to 4P.M. at the Town Planning Office, second floor, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown RI 02835.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Jamestown, RI Planning Office, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI. All comments received by October 9, 2024 will be considered by the Town of Jamestown, RI prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Town of Jamestown, RI certifies to HUD/RI that Edward A. Mello in his capacity as Town Administrator 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 Jamestown, RI Housing Authority to use Program funds.

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

As noted above, the 15-day comment period for the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds and the 15-day HUD objection period have been combined. Therefore, HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Jamestown's certification through October 9, 2024 and only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the name of RE; (b) the RE 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/State; 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 Robert P. Cwieka, Director of PIH, HUD Boston, 10 Causeway Street, Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02222-1092

Edward A. Mello, Town Administrator



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