

**TOWN OF AYER**  
**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)**

September 19, 2018

Town of Ayer  
1 Main Street  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-8206

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

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TOWN OF AYER  
TOWN CLERK

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To all interested agencies, groups and persons:

On or about October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 the Town of Ayer will submit a request to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 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), as amended, to undertake a project known as:

**FY 2018 AYER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT**

*Ayer Housing Rehabilitation Program*

For the purpose of: rehabilitation of approximately 5 units of privately-owned housing.

*Prospect & Oak Street Infrastructure Improvements Project:*

For the purpose of: reconstruction of roadway, sidewalks, and curbing, water and sewer main replacement, and replacement of storm water drainage lines to rebuild Prospect Street between Oak Street and Elm Street and reconstruction of roadway, sidewalks, and curbing, water and sewer main replacement, and replacement of storm water drainage lines to rebuild Oak Street between East Main Street and Grove Street in Ayer, Massachusetts.

*General Administration*

For the purpose of: Administrative and management activities for the Ayer Housing Rehabilitation Program and the Prospect and Oak Street Infrastructure Improvements Project.

Estimated funding: \$750,000.00 from CDBG funds

Location: Ayer, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA PL 91-190) requirements. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted, prior to the request for release of CDBG funds. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file in the Economic and Community Development Office in the Town Hall at 1 Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432 and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday between 8 am and 4 pm.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Alan S. Manoian, Director of Ayer Community and Economic Development/Environmental Certifying Officer, 1 Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432 on or before October 15, 2018. All comments received by October 15, 2018 will be considered by the Town of Ayer prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Ayer will undertake the project described above with Block Grant Funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Town of Ayer certifies to the State that the Town of Ayer and Alan S. Manoian in his official capacity as Director of Community and Economic Development/Environmental Certifying Officer, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an 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 State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Ayer to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Ayer'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 the Town of Ayer;
- (b) The grant recipient 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 State;
- (d) Another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

The only bases upon which the State will disapprove the RROF and certification are set forth above. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 Code of Federal Regulations Part 58, Sec. 58.76), and shall be addressed to the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant, Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Community Services, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300 Boston, MA 02114. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the State. Potential objectors should contact the State to verify the actual last day of the objection period. No objections received after fifteen days from receipt of the community's Request for Release of Funds and Certification will be considered by the State.

Alan S. Manoian, AICP, Community & Economic Development Director  
Environmental Certifying Officer