

## **COMBINED PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

#### **MONMOUTH COUNTY**

December 2, 2016

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
101 South Broad Street  
PO Box 800  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800

This Notice is related to Federal assistance provided in response to the Presidentially-declared disaster, Superstorm Sandy. This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

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

On or about December 19, 2016, the DCA will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) pursuant to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013) for the Fund for Restoration of Multifamily Housing (FRM) Program. DCA expects to fund the project using approximately \$7,375,524 of FRM funds.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Application ID number: HMFA03047  
Project Title: Springwood Avenue Associates, LP  
Location: 1012 Springwood Avenue, Asbury Park, Monmouth County, New Jersey  
The total estimated project cost is \$19,752,596.

The proposed project would assist the community in the recovery from Superstorm Sandy and involves the construction of a new 64-unit affordable housing complex on several parcels of land totaling approximately 1.84 acres along Springwood Avenue in Asbury Park, Monmouth County, New Jersey, that are currently owned by the City of Asbury Park. The parcels of land involved in the proposed project consist of vacant, vegetated land and have been vacant for at least 10 years, based on review of application materials. The developer proposes to build a 64-unit affordable housing development comprised of one 4-story building on Block 702 (Prior Block 104, Lots 2-4 according to tax records), four townhouse buildings on Block 803 (Prior Block 101.01, Lots 1-9 according to tax records), and four townhouse buildings on Block 1205 (Prior Block 81.02, Lots 10-18 according to tax records). Review of drawings for the proposed project indicate that the 4-story building to be constructed on Block 702 would contain 32

affordable housing units and approximately 1,350 square feet of retail space and would require 35 parking spaces (1 space/residential unit and 1 space/500 square feet of non-residential space), while the four townhouse buildings to be constructed on Blocks 803 and 1205 would each contain 16 affordable housing units and require 32 parking spaces (16 spaces per block). The remainder of the complex would include landscaped areas, pedestrian walkways, three trash enclosure/recyclables storage areas, and stormwater management facilities, including three underground stormwater detention basins. The proposed project is within existing water and sewer service areas, and associated infrastructure would be extended to the project location in accordance with all applicable permits and approvals. Complex buildings would use electricity and natural gas for cooling and heating, and trash pick-up would be handled by the City of Asbury Park.

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The DCA has determined that this project will have no significant impacts on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) 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 New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Sandy Recovery Division, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. or can be viewed online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on this project may submit written comments to Laura Shea, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 or online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/> and to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. All comments received by December 19, 2016, or fifteen (15) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later, will be considered by DCA. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

DCA certifies to HUD that Charles A. Richman, in his capacity as Commissioner of DCA 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 the National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and authorities, and allows DCA to use CDBG-DR funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and DCA's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 DCA; (b) DCA 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 has committed funds or incurred costs or undertaken activities 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 58.76) and shall be addressed to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Commissioner Charles A. Richman  
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs