

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

April 23, 2025

City of Providence
Department of Housing and Human Services
444 Westminster Street, Suite 3A
Providence, RI 02903
401-680-8400

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **May 13, 2025** the City of Providence, Department of Housing and Human Services, acting as Responsible Entity on behalf of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, will submit a request to the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development for the release Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Community Project Funding (CPF), Grant Number B-23-CP-RI-1355 to undertake the project known as:

Community Preservation of Atlantic Mills: The proposed project at 120-122 Manton Avenue, Providence, RI focuses on rehabilitation and resilience improvements to enhance stormwater management, flood protection, and public infrastructure. Covering approximately 207,102 square feet, the project includes parking lot repairs and stormwater resilience measures to enhance durability and reduce flooding. Retaining wall upgrades will help prevent river flooding and safeguard the property. Stormwater improvements will incorporate landscaping, efficient drainage systems, and optimized water flow design. Infrastructure upgrades include installing a flood-resistant transformer to ensure electrical reliability during flood events. Soil remediation efforts will address environmental concerns and enhance site stability. Additionally, the project promotes community connectivity by establishing an easement and collaborating on the development of a city bike path.

Upon completion, full build-out, the total project cost is estimated at \$10,000,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Providence Department of Housing and Human Services has conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 and 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 EA on file with Providence Redevelopment Agency, 444 Westminster Street, Suite 3A, Providence, RI 02903, where the records are available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30A.M to 4:30P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the EA to Providence Redevelopment Agency, 444 Westminster Street, Suite 3A, Providence, RI 02903. Comments may also be emailed to Nicholas Cicchitelli, Director of Real Estate, Providence Redevelopment Agency at ncicchitelli@providenceri.gov. All comments received by **May 12, 2025** will be considered by the Providence Redevelopment Agency prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Providence certifies to HUD-Boston Regional Office that Alyssa McDermott in her capacity as the Division Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development 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 City of Providence Redevelopment Agency to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Providence Redevelopment Agencies 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 City of Providence; (b) the City of Providence 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; 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) and shall be addressed to HUD-Boston Regional Office at Thomas P. O'Neill Building, Room 535, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222. Objections to release of funds can also be emailed to CPDRROFBOS@HUD.GOV. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Alyssa McDermott, Division Director of Housing and Community Development