

## Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

July 7, 2026

City of Providence  
Department of Housing and Human Services  
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### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **July 17, 2026** 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 Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA) as CPF funding recipient has subgranted funds to enable Atlantic Mills RI LLC to conduct rehabilitation activities to preserve and improve the historic mill complex at 120 Manton Avenue, Providence with the goal of preserve the affordability of spaces and retain current small business tenants (50+) and vendors (50+), while upgrading the building systems and expanding the amount of usable space. This funding of up to \$2,000,000 will support the stabilization phase (total estimated project cost of \$9.53M). This initiative will preserve the historical landmark within the Olneyville neighborhood of Providence while improving the space for current and future tenants. The project at Atlantic Mills involves environmental remediation and building improvements to address contamination identified through Phase I and II assessments, including impacted soil, groundwater, and soil gas. A Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) will be implemented to mitigate these conditions and reduce potential health and environmental risks. In addition, the project includes resiliency and infrastructure upgrades such as stormwater management improvements to address flooding, installation of a solar energy system with electrical service upgrades, emergency roof repairs, front facade window replacement, and limited exterior repointing. Due to unforeseen structural conditions within the rear turbine building necessitating selective demolition as a new activity, the proposed use of pre-purchased windows, and the postponement of construction of a new shared use bike path previously planned, a reevaluation of the original environmental review was warranted and a Memorandum of Agreement has been developed with the RI State Historic Preservation Officer to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse effects.

The activity proposed is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An updated Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Providence Department of Housing & Human Services, 444 Westminister Street, Suite 3A, Providence, RI 02903, where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Providence, Department of Housing & Human Services, 444 Westminister Street, Suite 3A, Providence, RI 02903. Comments may also be emailed to AnnMarie Cotoia, Compliance Officer, [amcotoia@providenceri.gov](mailto:amcotoia@providenceri.gov). All comments received by **July 16, 2026** will be considered by the City of Providence prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Providence certifies to HUD-Boston Regional Office that Emily Freedman in her capacity as the Director of the Department of Housing and Human Services 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 City of Providence'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 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](mailto:CPDRROFBOS@HUD.GOV). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Emily Freedman, Director of Housing & Human Services*