

City of Milford, Connecticut
Department of Economic & Community Development

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
PY46 Environmental Review Report

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Cover Letter to HUD

HUD 7015.15 Request for Release of Funds and Certification

Public Notice

Public Comment Summary

Statutory Project Review and Certification for each project

Submission to HUD Region 1 Environmental Officer

Prepared in HEROS/Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).



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DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

August 14, 2020

Ms. Alanna C. Kabel, Director
Department of Housing & Urban Development
One Corporate Center
20 Church Street, 10th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103-3220

RE: Notice of Intent/ Request for Release of Funds

Dear Ms. Kabel:

Please find the enclosed please find the City of Milford's Program Year 46 (2020) Environmental Review Record, the Request for Release of Funds (HUD 7015.15), public notice and comment in connection with CDBG Entitlement Grant Award No. B20-MC-09-0003.

If you have any questions regarding the submission, please contact me at (203)783-3230.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dravis
CDBG Administrator

Enclosures

Cc: Ms. Brenda Turner, CPD Representative, Hartford's CPD Field Office

Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning
and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087
(exp. 03/31/2020)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) Community Development Block Grant	2. HUD/State Identification Number B20-MC-09-0003	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) CFR 14.218	5. Name and address of responsible entity City of Milford Department of Economic & Community Development 70 W. River Street, Milford CT 06460	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Sheila Dravis	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) Same	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Community Planning & Development 20 Church Street, 10th Floor Hartford, CT 016103-3220		

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) See Below	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) See Below
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

Housing Residential Rehabilitation Program(s): CDBG staff manages housing repair program(s) to assist income eligible single family owners with cost of energy efficient improvements and multi-family property owners with substantial repairs in exchange for renting at affordable monthly rates according to HUD 80% median income and the area fair market rents levels.

Public Facility Improvements: Beaver Brook Marsh, an existing managed open space and conservation area with a newly reconstructed boardwalk will receive added funds to modify and complete a new trail path and parking area graded to create ADA accessibility.

Economic Development, Facade Improvements & Code Corrections: Federal funding to restore a financial assistance program to make exterior façade improvements and code corrections to commercial property by private, or public, owners.

ADA Sidewalk Improvements: Milford Public Works Department modifies and grades existing sidewalks to create curb cuts to improve accessibility for disabled and pedestrians.

Bus Shelter: Milford Transit District will replace an existing bus shelter and install a new shelter with ADA accessibility features in the same footprint.

Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did ☐ did not ☒ require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

Title of Certifying Officer

Mayor

Date signed

X

Address of Certifying Officer

110 River Street, Milford CT

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

Title of Authorized Officer

Date signed

X

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CITY OF MILFORD

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Notice of Intent (NOI) To Request Release of Funds (RROF)
of Environmental Review Record (ERR)
7-Day Public Comment Period**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS:

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The environmental impact of each activity nature and location has been reviewed under authorities as set forth in 24 CFR Part 58 regulations. Further review or mitigation steps under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) are necessary if the activity will have a level of environmental impact. The following projects are deemed Categorical Excluded, Not Subject to a further review under Section 58.5 and are not expected to have an impact or adversely affect the area.

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6. City, Residential Housing Repair Program, Multi-Family, City Wide \$58.35(a)(3)(ii)

PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT:

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RELEASE OF FUNDS:

A Request for Release of Funds (RROF) HUD 7015.15 submitted to the HUD Hartford Community Planning and Development Division certifies the City has satisfied its responsibilities and 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 its intention to expend the Community Development Block Grant Funds according to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and other environmental responsibilities listed in 24 CFR Part 58.

OBJECTIONS TO REQUEST TO RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF):

Any objections to HUD approval of the RROF and acceptance of the Certification on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of the applicant approved by HUD; (b) that the applicant's Environmental Review Record for the projects indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process; (c) that the applicant has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds was received from HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that a project or projects is/are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR, Part 58), and addressed to Alanna Kabel, Director, Community Planning and Development Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 20 Church Street, 10th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103. Statutory objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Milford's certification for a period of 15 days after receipt of RROF and certifications by HUD.

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PY46 RECIPIENT & LOCATIONS

Beth El Center Inc., 90 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT

Boys & Girls Club, 59 Devonshire Road, Milford, CT

Literacy Volunteers of Southern CT, 16 Dixon Street, Milford, CT

Milford Senior Center, 1 Jepson Drive, Milford, CT

Department of Human Services, 150 Gulf Street, Milford, CT

Rape Crisis Center, 70 W. River Street, Milford, CT

Milford ECD, Tenant Landlord Counseling, 70 W. River Street, Milford, CT

Milford ECD, Security Deposit Program, 70 W. River Street, Milford, CT

Milford Transit District, Bus Shelter, 25 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, CT

Milford DPW/Open Space, Beaver Brook Marsh Trail & Parking, 553 West Avenue, Milford, CT

Milford DPW, Curb and Sidewalk ADA Accessible Improvements, 83 Ford Street, Milford, CT

Milford ECD, Micro-Enterprise Business Assistance, 70 W. River Street, Milford, CT

Milford ECD, Multi-Family Housing Program, 70 W. River Street, Milford, CT

Milford ECD, Multi-Family Housing Program, 70 W. River Street, Milford, CT

Milford ECD, Housing Program Administration, 70 W. River Street, Milford, CT

Milford ECD, Homeownership Program, 70 W. River Street, Milford, CT

Milford ECD, Grant Administration & Planning, 70 W. River Street, Milford CT