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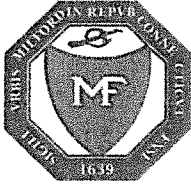
DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Environmental Review Report CARES Act CDBG-CV PY45 AAP Amendment

**The City of Milford's
Environmental Review Report
CDBG-CV PY45 AAP Amendment**

Cover Letter - CPD Office of Housing & Urban Development, Hartford CT
HUD 7015.15 Request for Release of Funds and Certification
Public Notice of 15-Day Comment Period
Public Comment Summary

A complete record of the Statutory Project Review and Certification is on file for public.
The report was prepared in HEROS/Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).



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July 10, 2020

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

RE: CDBG-CV Notice of Intent/ Request for Release of Funds

Dear Ms. Kabel:

Please find enclosed the City of Milford's CDBG-CV Environmental Review Record, the Request for Release of Funds and Certification (HUD-7015.15), the public notice of 15-day comment period and any public comment. The CDBG Entitlement Grant Award No. has not been provided to date. This submission was prepared in but not submitted in the HEROS System.

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

Sincerely,

Sheila Dravis
CDBG Administrator

Enclosures

Cc: Brenda Turner, CPD Representative, Hartford Field Office
Ms. Shanoah Gee, CPD Program Support Specialist, Hartford 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 B	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) CFR 14.218	5. Name and address of responsible entity City of Milford	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Sheila Dravis	Department of Economic & Community Development 70 W. River Street Milford, CT 06460	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Community Planning Development 20 Church Street, 10th Floor Hartford, CT 06103-3220	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) Same	

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

CDBG-CV Cares Act funding. Amendment to PY45 Annual Action Plan.

City of Milford, Department of Community and Economic Development, Micro-Enterprise, 70 W River St, Milford
Short-term CDBG-CV grants to reimburse and pay vendors with up to 5 employees, to prevent, prepare and respond to COVID-19.

City of Milford, Department of Community and Economic Development, Special Economic Business Assistance, 70 W River St, Milford
Short-term CDBG grants to reimburse and pay vendors with 6+ employees to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19, including reimbursing employer costs to retain new employees.

City of Milford, Department of Community and Economic Development, Public/Private Building Improvements, 70 W River St, Milford
Cost to rehab or rent space or equipment, supplies, and/or materials necessary to carry community initiative for the purpose of creating a temporary space for testing, diagnosis, treatment, or patient quarantined while recovering from COVID-19.

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

Date signed

X

Address of Certifying Officer

To be signed
after Notice
ends.

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 accept 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

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Published: July 2, 2020

CITY OF MILFORD
CARES Act CDBG-CV Grant
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:

The City of Milford, Department of Economic and Community Development (EDC) has completed its environmental review concerning activities to receive CARES Act CDBG-CV through an amendment to the Program Year 45 Annual Action Plan (AAP). A review under authorities as set forth in 24 CFR Part 58 regulations is based on the activities' scope of work and its location do not physically impact the area or endanger the people who live nearby. Further review may be determined and mitigation steps under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) may be necessary depending on the individual activity. The following projects received additional review but were not found to have an impact or adversely affect the area and are deemed Categorically Excluded, Not Subject to a further review under Section 58.5.

1. Economic Development, Micro-Enterprise, Reimburse employer costs §58.35(b)(4)
2. Economic Development, Business Assistance, Reimburse employer costs §58.35(b)(4)
3. Economic Development, Building Improvements, Rehabilitate and rent space §58.35(b)(2)

PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT:

The Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Environmental Review Record (ERR) is available for review in the Department of Economic and Community Development, 70 W. River Street, Milford and posted at <https://www.ci.milford.ct.us/economic-and-community-development/pages/community-development-block-grant-cdbg-program>. Written public comment will be accepted in the Department of Economic and Community Development during the 7-day public comment period, July 2, 2020 to July 9, 2020 by 5 p.m. for consideration by the City of Milford and the HUD Hartford Office.

RELEASE OF FUNDS:

A Request for Release of Funds (RROF) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) is certification by the City of Milford and Mayor Benjamin G. Blake, its certifying officer, that it 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):

HUD will consider objections to its 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.

Public Comment Statement

Any written comments regarding its Environmental Review Record for CDBG-CV Projects through an amendment to PY45 Annual Action Plan received at the end of the 7-day public comment period July 2, 2020 – July 9, 2020 will be included in City's Request for Release of Funding to HUD.