



City of Brockton

Office of the Mayor

ROBERT F. SULLIVAN, ESQ.

Mayor

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

July 5th, 2023

Brockton Redevelopment Authority

50 School Street

Brockton, MA 02301

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

On or about July 24th, 2023, the Brockton Redevelopment Authority (BRA) will submit a request to the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Healthy Homes Production (HHP) to undertake a project known as Healthy Homes Production focused on mitigating/removing asbestos, mold and mildew, and rodents in residential properties as well as improving air quality.

HHP will provide financial assistance up to \$10,000 for moderate to low-income families in the whole city of Brockton to improve their living space regarding asbestos, air quality, mercury, asthma, mold, and mildew. Priority is given to families with children under the age of 6 as they are at higher risk due to the above-mentioned safety hazards.

The goal of the Healthy Homes Production Grant will be to remediate 120 Brockton units in the next three and a half years. The BRA will utilize a 10% match of the grant amount from CDBG funding pool. This program will function as an amortization grant for a 5-year period and 20% of the assistance amount will be forgiven after each year which will be specified in the Affordable Housing Restriction document. A lien will be placed on the property for the purpose of ensuring the funds are utilized for its intended usage. After the 5th year, the assistance becomes 100% forgivable and a discharge statement will be provided to be recorded by the homeowner. The BRA will cover the recording fees for the mortgage, agreement, and affordable housing restrictions. Each unit will receive an amount of \$9,500 for remediation and an additional \$350 will be provided for relocation. The BRA will utilize an additional \$150 from the Healthy Homes Production grant to reimburse the expenses which will bring the total cost of the units at the \$10,000 max cap. If the expenses accrued during their relocation surpass \$150, the BRA will use the CDBG match to provide reimbursements to said expenses.

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The *BRA* 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 Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at *BRA's* office located at 50 School Street, 2nd Floor and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00P.M.


Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the *BRA*. All comments received by July 24th, 2023, will be considered by the *BRA* prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Comments can be sent by US Postal Service to 50 School Street, 2nd Floor, Brockton, MA02301 or by e-mail at cgomes@brocktonredevelopmentauthority.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The *BRA* certifies to HUD that Robert F. Sullivan in his capacity as Mayor of Brockton 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 Brockton Redevelopment Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the *BRA'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 *BRA*; (b) the *BRA* 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/State; 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.


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