

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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On or after Friday, February 2, 2018 the City of Burlington, Vermont will submit a request to the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL-93-383), to undertake a project known as *Chittenden County Emergency Food Shelf Accessibility Upgrades and Two Story Addition* for the purpose of renovating the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf to improve the accessibility of the existing structure and add on a two story addition, expanding their capacity for client services.

This project consists of two parts, the first being an accessibility improvement project which will increase the accessibility of the Food Shelf facilities for clients with mobility challenges. The majority of the project is interior renovation and the proposed scope of work includes: installing curb cuts in existing sidewalk on North Union St, installing automatic doors, and installing grab bars, automatic fixtures, and emergency call button in bathroom. The second part of this project is a two story addition to the existing building. It involves the expansion of the Food Shelf on the west side of the building between the existing building and N Winooski Avenue to include a community kitchen teaching space, community meeting space, and private client meeting space on the first floor and office space on the second floor. It will require a new slab on grade foundation with frost walls down to 5' below grade.

Conditions are required to avoid non-compliance with 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2). These conditions will be included in the contract for the project and built into the reporting procedures. The proposed mitigation plan submitted by Kas, Inc will be incorporated into the scope of work to avoid noncompliance with 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2). This mitigation includes but is not limited to: the development and use of a soil handling plan, renovation of existing stick-up piping to ensure proper ventilation of the existing sub-slab ventilation system, additional air quality assessment testing after the adjustment, the abandonment of groundwater monitoring wells (MW-3 and MW-4) and preparation of a Notice to Land Records to document the presence of PCE impacts beneath the property, the incorporation of a vapor barrier into the foundation design of the addition, and additional testing for asbestos.

The total estimated cost of the combined project is \$407,620, approximately \$229,450 of City of Burlington Community Development Block Grant Funds.

The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at The Community and Economic Development Office of The City of Burlington, 149 Church Street, City Hall, Room 32, Burlington, Vermont and may be examined or copied weekdays _8_A.M to _4:30_P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Community and Economic Development Office of The City of Burlington, 149 Church Street, City Hall, Room 32,

Burlington, Vermont Attn: Marcy Esbjerg All comments received by February 2, 2018 will be considered by the City of Burlington, Vermont prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Burlington, Vermont certifies to HUD that Miro Weinberger, in his capacity as the Mayor of the City of Burlington 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 Burlington to use HUD program funds

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Burlington, Vermont'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 Burlington, Vermont (b) the City of Burlington, Vermont 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Planning and Development at, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Miro Weinberger, Mayor, City of Burlington, Certifying Officer