

**TOWN OF WEBSTER
COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INTENT TO
REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

June 15, 2012

Town of Webster
350 Main Street
Webster, Massachusetts 01570
Telephone: (508) 949-3800

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about **June 29, 2012**, the above named Town of Webster will submit a request the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, to undertake a project known as FY 2012 Webster Mini-Entitlement Plan Grant, consisting of two activities:

Negus Street Reconstruction

The proposed Negus Street Reconstruction includes the following: the full-depth reconstruction and resurfacing of deteriorated streets, a street storm drainage upgrade, the replacement of deteriorated sidewalks and curbing, and the replacement of water lines and lateral services on a predominately lower-income residential street. The project will renew and improve deteriorated, outdated infrastructure, but will not result in an increase of existing capacity. The FY12 Mini-Entitlement Plan Grant is for Phase I of an expected two-phase project, which is a full reconstruction between Mechanic and Church Streets.

Master Plan

The proposed Master Plan project includes a rewrite and update of the town's 1989 master plan.

Estimated funding: \$900,000 from CDBG funds

Location: Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts

The reconstruction activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. The planning project is categorically exempt under HUD regulations 24 CFR Section 58.34. An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named Town of Webster which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the offices of the grantee, Town of Webster, at the Town Administrator's Office (350 Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts 01570) and the Office of Community Development (same address) and is available for public examination and copying upon request at these offices during regular business hours: Monday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to John McAuliffe, Environmental Certifying Officer, Town of Webster. All comments received by June 29, 2012 will be considered by the Town of Webster prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Webster is certifying to DHCD that John McAuliffe, in his official capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer for the Town of Webster, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DHCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town of Webster to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will accept an objection to its release of funds and the Town of Webster's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (which ever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer of the Town of Webster; or (b) the Town of Webster 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds by DHCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to DHCD at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John McAuliffe, Town Administrator/
Environmental Certifying Officer
Town of Webster, Massachusetts