

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

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DATE OF NOTICE: August 9, 2021
GRANTEE NAME: City of Staunton
ADDRESS: 116 W. Beverley Street
Staunton, VA 24401
TELEPHONE: (540) 332-3869

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Staunton.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 25, 2021, the City of Staunton will submit a request to the HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) to undertake a project known as Rockway Street Neighborhood Waterline Replacement for the purpose of the replacement of the existing undersized 2-inch waterline with 6-inch ductile iron pipe. A total of 810 linear feet of new waterline would also provide a looped system from Lambert to Donaghe Streets. The project includes installation of 810 LF of 6" ductile iron public water line, three (3) 6" gate valves, two (2) fire hydrant assemblies, water service reconnections to six (6) houses, and related appurtenances. Construction will include connection of the new 6" main to three (3) existing water mains and abandonment of the existing 2" water lines.

The FY19 CDBG budget for this program is \$125,796 and FY20 \$35,000. The total budget for this project is \$160,796.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Staunton 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 the City of Staunton, 116 W. Beverley Street Staunton, VA 24401, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The ERR is also available at <https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/departments/community-development/hud-citizen-participation-plan>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to William L. Vaughn, Director Community and Economic Development Departments, vaughnwl@ci.staunton.va.us. All comments received by August 24, 2021, will be considered by the City of Staunton prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Staunton certifies to HUD that Steven Rosenberg in his capacity as City Manager 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 Staunton to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Staunton'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 Staunton; (b) the City of Staunton 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 HUD administration office at CPD_COVID-19OEE-RIC@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Steven Rosenberg, City Manager