

August 9, 2019

Town of Appalachia, Virginia
Town Hall
Appalachia, VA 24216
276.565.3900

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

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 29, 2019, Appalachia will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and/or Appalachian Regional Development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as Old Bottom Housing Rehabilitation Project, for the purpose of construction and non-construction cost associated with substantial reconstruction, rehabilitation, demolition, clearance, and any other applicable and eligible costs associated of properties within the Old Bottom neighborhood identified in the project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Appalachia Town Council 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 Appalachia Town Hall, located at 508 West Main Street Appalachia, VA 24216 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., as well as on the Town's website at www.townofappalachiava.us.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Appalachia Town Manger's Office. All comments received by August 27, 2019 will be considered by the Appalachia Town Council prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Appalachia Town Council certifies to DHCD that Fred Luntsford in his capacity as Town 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. DHCD'S approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Appalachia Town Council to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Appalachia Town Council's certification received by September 13, 2019 or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the Appalachia Town Council approved by DHCD; (b) the Appalachia Town Council 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 a release of funds by DHCD; 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) and shall be addressed to DHCD at:

Director
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office
Main Street Centre
600 E. Main St., Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430
(804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]
Virginia Relay Center for voice/TTY services are available by calling 7-1-1.

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Fred Luntsford, Town Manager