

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

October 15, 2021

Town of Damascus, Virginia

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 03, 2021 the Town of Damascus will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974(PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Damascus Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation Project, for the purpose of Rehabilitation of 1 LMI owner units and 1 LMI investor owned units and the substantial reconstruction of 4 LMI units and 3 demolitions. This project is a scattered site project with sites located within the town limits of Damascus, Virginia.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Damascus 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 Damascus Town Hall, 208 W Laurel Avenue, Damascus, VA 24236 and may be examined or copied weekdays (9:00) A.M. to (5:00) P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, Attn: Josh Smith, 1021 Terrace Drive, Marion, VA 24354. All comments received by November 02, 2021, will be considered by the Town of Damascus prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Damascus certifies to DHCD that Gavin Blevins 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 Town to use Program funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town Manager, Gavin Blevins certifies to DHCD that the Certifying Officer in his/her 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 Town of Damascus to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Town of Damascus certification received by November 18, 2021 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 Town of Damascus approved by DHCD; (b) the (RE) 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]

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

Gavin Blevins, Town Manager

10/15/2021
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