

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Friday May 22, 2009

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Bethel, CT 06801

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On or about Friday May 29, 2009 the Town of Bethel will submit a request to the DECD for the release of \$300,000 Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as Town-wide Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program for the purpose of providing affordable financial assistance to income eligible participants to upgrade and rehabilitate the housing units they occupy throughout the community.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at First Selectman's Office, Town Hall, 1 School Street, Bethel, CT and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the First Selectman's Office. All comments received by Friday May 29, 2009 will be considered by the Town of Bethel prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Bethel certifies to DECD that the First Selectman in his capacity as First Selectman 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. DECD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Bethel to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DECD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Bethel'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 Town of Bethel; (b) the Town of Bethel 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DECD; 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 38, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to DECD at 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Potential objectors should contact DECD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert E. Burke
First Selectman