

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

January 22, 2026

City of Peabody
North Shore HOME Consortium (NSHC)
City Hall, 24 Lowell Street
Peabody, Massachusetts 01960

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by NSHC.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 9, 2026 the NSHC will submit requests to the HUD Boston Regional Office for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended for the purpose of providing HOME funds to be utilized in a project to be undertaken by Essex County Habitat for Humanity to be located at 512 Washington Street, Haverhill, MA. The project consists of the purchase of land, rehabilitation of an existing structure, and the new construction of two duplex buildings, for the creation of seven units of affordable ownership housing. The project will use an estimated \$600,000 in HOME funds. The total estimated project cost is approximately \$2,828,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The NSHC 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 Community Development Department at Peabody City Hall, 24 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA and may be examined or copied during City Hall office hours: Monday-Wednesdays from 8:30-4:00, Thursdays from 8:30-7:00, and Fridays from 8:30am to 12:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Lisa Greene, Community Development Department at Peabody City Hall, 24 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA 01960 or at lisa.greene@peabody-ma.gov. All comments received by February 6, 2026, will be considered by NSHC prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The North Shore HOME Consortium certifies to HUD that Eward A. Bettencourt, Jr., in his capacity as Certifying Officer, 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 project, to use HUD program funds for the purpose specified.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Commonwealth of Mass. 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 Commonwealth of MA; (b) the reviewer 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 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 via email to CPDRROFBOS@hud.gov in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Environmental Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Boston, MA. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr., Mayor, City of Peabody

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