

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

August 21, 2003

City of Middletown  
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Department of Planning, Conservation and Development  
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These notices shall satisfy two individual but related procedural requirements for federally-funded activities to be undertaken by the City of Middletown.

On or about Monday, September 8, 2003, the City of Middletown will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

**Middlesex Bus. Ind. Foundation/ Worker Preparation & Enhancement Program**

Scope: Help current and/or former AFDC, welfare recipients to gain employment.  
Estimated Cost: \$27,500  
Location: Main Street

**Board of Ed./School Readiness**

Scope: Funds the Coordinator position for the city's School Readiness program.  
Estimated Cost: \$25,000  
Location: Middletown preschools.

**Middlesex Community College/ CAD Certificate Program**

Scope: Run a CAD program for low/mod income residents of Middletown.  
Estimated Cost: \$15,000  
Location: Middlesex Community College

**Oddfellows Playhouse/ Rehabilitation & Replacement HVAC System**

Scope: Installs energy-efficient HVAC system in a historic downtown facility.  
Estimated Cost: \$30,500  
Location: Washington Street

**NEHI LLC/ North End Housing Initiative**

Scope: Acquire and rehabilitation buildings in the North End for low/mod income housing.  
Estimated Cost: \$145,000  
Location: Green Street

**Community Health Center/ Facility Improvement**

Scope: Construct a new handicap accessible entrance.  
Estimated Cost: \$20,000  
Location: Main Street

**Wesleyan University/ Green Street Arts Center**

Scope: Adaptive reuse of a former elementary school as community arts center.  
Estimated Cost: \$75,000  
Location: Green Street

**Middletown Housing Partnership Trust, Inc./ Military Road Revolving DPA/CC Fund**

Scope: Assist the homeownership for low to mod income residents.  
Estimated Cost: \$15,000  
Location: Military Road

**American Red Cross/ Medical Transportation**

Scope: Provide medical transportation for Middletown's elderly and disabled.  
Estimated Cost: \$13,750  
Location: Broad Street

**North End Action Team/ Community Organizer**

Scope: Funds the part-time community organizer for the North End Action Team  
Estimated Cost: \$3,000  
Location: Ferry Street

**Kidcity / Create Jobs**

Scope: Construct indoor exhibits and hire new staff  
Estimated Cost: \$79,334.54  
Location: Washington Street

**Russell Library/ Renovations Phase III**

Scope: Construct a ramp for handicapped accessibility.  
Estimated Cost: \$17,000  
Location: Broad Street

**Positive Solutions/ Property Acquisition**

Scope: Purchase a property to assist residents with HIV/AIDS.  
Estimated Cost: \$70,000  
Location: Alsop Avenue

**Middletown Youth Center/ Job Counseling program**

Scope: Administer a job-counseling program for youth at Middletown Youth Center

Estimated Cost: \$23,250  
Location: Court Street

**Program Administration**

Scope: Administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
Program  
Estimated Cost: \$137,000  
Location: deKoven Drive

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Middletown has determined that the projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. The locations for some activities are not yet determined and have not been listed. This and other additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file in the Department of Planning, Conservation and Development in Room 202 of the Municipal Building, 245 deKoven Drive, Middletown, Connecticut and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project or the intent to request a release of funds may submit written comments to the Department of Planning, Conservation and Development. All comments received by September 4, 2003 will be considered by the City of Middletown prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Middletown certifies to HUD that Domenique S. Thornton, in her capacity as Mayor, 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 acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the City of Middletown to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Middletown'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 it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Middletown; (b) the ERR indicates omission of a required step, decision, or finding; (c)

the grant recipient has 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD at One Corporate Center, 19th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103-3220. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Domenique S. Thornton , Mayor  
Certifying Officer

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut this 21st day of August, 2003

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