

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

August 26, 2004

City of Middletown
245 DeKoven Drive, PO Box 1300
Middletown, CT 06457

Department of Planning, Conservation and Development
860-344-3425

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Middletown.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Monday September 13, 2004 the City of Middletown will submit a request to the HUD Hartford State Office 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:

Wadsworth Grove/ Improvements

Scope: Assist in rehabilitation improvements to a low/moderate income housing.
Estimated Cost: \$60,000
Location: McKenna Drive

Community Health Center/ New Horizons Shelter

Scope: Assist in rehabilitation to a battered women's shelter.
Estimated Cost: \$30,000
Location: 365 Main Street

City of Middletown/ North End Housing

Scope: Assist in the North End Housing Development.
Estimated Cost: \$50,000
Location: North End

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Middletown 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 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 may submit written comments on the ERR to the Department of Planning, Conservation and Development. All comments received by September 10, 2004 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 the HUD Hartford State Office that Dominique 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 Hartford State Office approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Middletown to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The HUD Hartford State Office will accept objections to its release of fund and the RE'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 City of Middletown; (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 the HUD Hartford State Office; 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Hartford State Office; One Corporate Center 19th Floor; Hartford, CT 06103. Potential objectors should contact the Environmental Officer at the HUD Hartford State Office at 860-240-4800 ext. 3072 or by fax at 860-240-4850 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Domenique S. Thornton , Mayor
Certifying Officer
