

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)

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Town of Palmer
4417 Main St
Palmer, MA 01069

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS;

On or about November 18, 2025, the Town of Palmer will submit a request to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, for the purpose of the following project(s):

FY 2025 Palmer Community Assistance Program:

Front and Park Street Improvements: The applicable physical activity under review is the proposed improvements to Front Street and Park Avenue, which are streets in a residential section located within the Three Rivers section of Palmer. The project area is approximately 800 feet in length, and as funding allows, improvements will include the installation of a replacement 8" water line, road and sidewalk rehabilitation, and stormwater drainage improvements that also includes new curbing and catch basins. The construction project is estimated to cost \$628,000.

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 the Community Development Office, Palmer Town Hall, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA, 01069, and may be examined or copied on weekdays, Monday through Thursday, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. with prior arrangement by calling 413-283-2685.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Community Development. All comments received by **November 17, 2025**, will be considered by Heidi Mannarino, Environmental Certifying Officer, prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Palmer certifies to the EOHLC that Heidi Mannarino in her official capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer, consent 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. The EOHLC's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Palmer to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The EOHLC will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Palmer'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 Palmer;

- (b) The Town of Palmer 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 development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the EOHLC; 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. 55.76) and shall be addressed to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact the EOHLC to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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