

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 8, 2025

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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 21, 2025, the Maine State Housing Authority will authorize Community Concepts Inc. to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Planning and Development, for the release of funds from Community Project Funding Program B-24-CP-ME-1102 under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (P.L. 118-42) to undertake a project known as Norway Family Apartments.

The project site is 63 Cottage Street, Norway, Oxford County, Maine. The Site consists of an approximate 4.59-acre parcel. The Site is identified by the town of Norway Tax Assessor's Office as Lot 43 on Property Tax Map 1. The Site is developed with six buildings and 18 housing units, a one-story building comprising a community area, storage room, laundry room, and a shed. The exterior of the Site is grassy with parking areas between and around Site buildings. The eastern portion of the Site is wooded and wetlands. The Site is accessed from Cottage Street to the northwest via a driveway that extends into the central portion of the Site.

This is a maintenance and rehabilitation project for the eighteen-unit multifamily dwelling. Including: retro fit all lighting, overlay paving, replace oil fired boilers, replace flooring, renovate bathrooms, renovate kitchens, upgrade appliances, painting, replace fencing.

Estimated sources of funds for the project, Community Project Funds \$437,665.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(ii). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Maine State Housing Authority and will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the Environmental Review Coordinator, Maine State Housing Authority, 26 Edison Drive, Augusta, Maine, or by email to EnvironmentalReview@MaineHousing.org.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Maine State Housing Authority, 26 Edison Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330, Attention: Environmental Review Coordinator. All comments received by August 20, 2025, will be considered by the Maine State Housing Authority prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Maine State Housing Authority certifies to HUD that Daniel Brennan in his capacity as Director of Maine State Housing Authority 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 Community Concepts Inc to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Maine State Housing Authority'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 Maine State Housing Authority; (b) the Maine State Housing Authority 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 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Boston at CPDRROFBOS@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Boston via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Daniel Brennan, Director
Maine State Housing Authority