

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

March 11, 2021
Town of Johnson
Brian Story, Town Administrator
38 Lower Main St,
Johnson, VT, 05656
(802) 635-2611 ext. 308

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Johnson.

Request for Release of Funds

On or about March 27, 2021 the Town of Johnson will submit a request to the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (the Agency) to release the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as Jenna's Promise for the purpose of providing transitional recovery housing and employment opportunity for women in substance abuse recovery. The project is located at 38 Lower Main St, Johnson, VT, 05656. The total estimated cost of the project is 850,000; approximately 550,000, and 300,000 in CDBG funding.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Town of Johnson 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 municipal office of the Town of Johnson at 293 Lower Main West, Johnson, VT 05656, and may be examined or copied Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an appointment is required to enter town hall.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Johnson, Attn: Brian Story, Town Administrator, 38 Lower Main St, Johnson, VT, 05656. All comments received by March 26, 2021 will be considered by the Town of Johnson prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments must specify which Notice they are addressing—the Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for the Release of Funds.

Environmental Certification

The Town of Johnson is certifying to the Agency that Brian Story in their official capacity as Town Administrator, 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. The Agency's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Johnson to use the CDBG funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

The Agency will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Johnson'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, Brian Story; (b) the Town 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 Agency; 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 the Attn: James Brady, Environmental Officer, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, One National Life Drive, Davis Building, 6th Floor, Montpelier, Vermont 05620. Potential objectors should contact the Agency to verify the actual last date of the objection period.