

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

September 16, 2022

Town of Brookline
Department of Planning and Community Development
333 Washington Street
Brookline, MA 02445
617-730-2130

This legal notice shall satisfy procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Brookline Housing Authority related to the Capital Fund Program.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Wednesday, October 4, 2022, the Brookline Housing Authority will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development (HUD) Region I Office of Public and Indian Housing for the release of funds for the HUD Capital Fund Program to undertake capital improvement projects at the Walnut Street Apartments and Kickham Apartments.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS

The Brookline Housing Authority plans substantial capital improvements outlined in their Capital Fund Five-Year Action Plan. The following properties are planned for improvements:

- Walnut Street Apartments, 22 High Street & 4-42 Walnut Street
- Kickham Apartments, 190 Harvard Street

As the scopes of work for these properties are still advancing, the work should include:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| • Operations / Administration Fees | • Communal kitchen renovations at Kickham Apartments, including replacement of countertops, flooring, painting, and appliances | • Interior painting projects at Walnut Street Apartments |
| • Architect / Engineering Fees | • Parking lot repaving and restriping at Kickham Apartments | • Apartment unit kitchen appliances and cabinets replacement at Walnut Street Apartments |
| • Roof replacement at Kickham Apartments | | • Door intercom replacement at Walnut Street Apartments |
| • Brick façade repointing at Kickham Apartments greenhouse addition | | |

The total budget for these capital improvements over a five-year period totals \$4,978,125.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded subject to review under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.5. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Town of Brookline Planning and Community Development Department, 333 Washington Street, Brookline, MA 02445 and may be examined or copied Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record to the Town of Brookline, Department of Planning and Community Development, 333 Washington Street, Room 309, Brookline, MA 02445. All comments received by October 4, 2022 at the address specified will be considered by the Town of Brookline prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development will consider objections to its release of funds and the Town of Brookline's certification for a period of eighteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are not one of the following bases; (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer for the Town of Brookline; (b) The Town of Brookline has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or funding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the developmental process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 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 Director, Office of Public and Indian Housing, HUD, 10 Causeway Street, Room 553, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

For the Town of Brookline:
Kara Brewton, Director
Planning and Community Development Department