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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

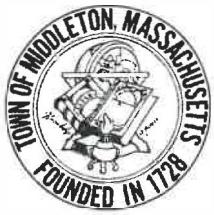
On or about August 7, 2025, the Town of Middleton will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Community Project Funding (CPF) funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (P.L 118-42) and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (P.L 118-47) to be utilized for a project known as Essex North Shore Building Project, located at 565 Maple Street, Danvers, Massachusetts. The proposed project includes construction of a new, 225 square foot building, outdoor area, small parking lot and paving of the existing gravel road from the newly installed parking lot to the west, through to the new building. The total area of the project is estimated to be 0.43 acres, most of which has been previously disturbed.

The total estimated project cost is approximately \$1,000,000 and of that the CPF funding will be approximately \$425,000. The total CPF grant award was \$850,000 and included a separate, but connected, project, which is undergoing a separate environmental review and public notice. The separate project will utilize the other \$425,000 of the CPF grant.

Mitigating measures include not removing trees during the summer occupancy period of the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tri-colored Bat (April 15-September 30) and checking trees for the existence of Bald Eagle nests prior to cutting.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Middleton 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 Middleton Planning Department, 195 North Main Street, Middleton, MA 01949. The ERR may be examined or copied at this location during normal



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business hours, including Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 3:00pm, or via email at anna.burycarmer@middletonma.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Anna Carmer, Planning Director, 195 North Main Street, Middleton, MA 01949, or via email at anna.burycarmer@middletonma.gov. All comments received by August 6, 2025 will be considered by the Town of Middleton prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

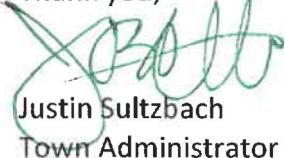
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of Middleton certifies to HUD that Justin Sultzbach, in his 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. HUD's approval of the certifications satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the project to use HUD program funds for the purpose specified.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Middleton'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; (b) the Town of Middleton 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 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Director of Community Planning and Development CPDRROFBOS@HUD.gov. Potential objectors should contact the CPD Director at HUD Boston to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Thank you,


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