

Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning and Development

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This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) CDBG-DR/Public Housing Funds	2. HUD/State Identification Number B-13-MS-25-0001	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) N/A	5. Name and address of responsible entity City of Springfield 36 Court Street Springfield, MA 01103	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Sean Pham; 413-784-4883	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) Same as above	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Office of Community Development US Department of Housing & Urban Development 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092	<p>The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following</p>	
9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Marble Street Extension Project	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Centralized location is 9 Richelieu Place	

11. Program Activity/Project Description

FEMA Environmental Assessment has been adopted by the City of Springfield as the responsible entity for the HUD funds as authorized under the Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Appropriation.

FEMA Project Name: South End Community Center Construction and Marble Street Extension Traffic Flow Improvements, Emerson Wight Park, Springfield, MA

Review prepared: March 9, 2016

Attached please find a copy of the project description

Project also includes the disposition/demolition of Marble Street Public Housing apartment complexes (2), containing 48 units and located on 2.17 acres.

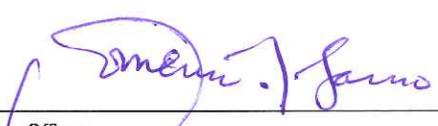
Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity 	Title of Certifying Officer Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor
	Date signed 
Address of Certifying Officer 36 Court Street Springfield, MA 01103	

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient X	Title of Authorized Officer
	Date signed

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Marble Street Extension Project Description

Construction of a new building at Emerson Wight Park, as funded by FEMA and traffic flow improvements, as funded by HUD. Once constructed, the new building will consist of 2 stories, the first floor having 27,150 square feet and the second floor having 10,400 square feet. It will house all SECC services including a gymnasium, classrooms, and office space. Site access is proposed via two driveways. A bus drop-off and pick-up area and bike rack would be provided in front of the SECC. A total of 92 parking spaces will be provided at the facility; greater than the City requirement of 3 spaces per 1,000 square feet for this type of land use. Vendors would unload in an area near where employees would park; immediately east of the outdoor basketball court. See design plans and photographs at Appendix A; Figure A-3 and Appendix B of the Environmental Assessment.

Emerson Wight Park is aligned southwest to northeast in the section of Springfield known as the South End, in close proximity to the Six Corners section (N42.09415, W-72.57844 or UTM Zone 18: 0700258 E, 4663067 N). The Park is bordered by Maple Street to the north, Wendell Place and Rutledge Avenue to the west, Acushnet Avenue to the south, and residential lots from Maple and Pine streets to the east. See topographic map and area of potential effect map at Appendix A; Figures A-1 and A-2. The proposed building location is south/southeast of the northern entrance on Marble Street and across from Dwight Street Extension. HUD funded improvements to traffic flow in the immediate area are also proposed. Since this is a congested area, and construction of the SECC will result in increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic, especially during mid-late afternoon, a plan has been included to expand the width of Marble Street, extend it to the northeast and curve it to the northwest to connect with Ashmun Street. The new road connector will also connect to Richelieu Place and Hillside Place which run perpendicular to Richelieu Street. This new traffic pattern will result in the acquisition and demolition of 9-11 Richelieu Place, the adjacent vacant parcel #10170-0007 (formerly 15-17 Richelieu Place), 90 Central Street, and the adjacent vacant parcel #02560-0017 (also referred to as NS Central Street). The HUD funded road extension will also require the demolition of the Marble Street Apartments owned by the Springfield Housing Authority located at 111-118 Marble Street. The Marble Street Apartments consist of two Public Housing buildings containing a total of 48 Public Housing units located on 2.17 Acres. Construction of the roadway project is anticipated to begin in 2016.