

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

March 31, 2021

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

Request for Release of Funds

On or about March 31, 2021, the Town of Alburgh will submit a request to the 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 the Alburgh Childcare Center. The Alburgh Childcare Center project includes the construction of a new Childcare Center on the campus of the Alburgh Educational Center located at 45 Champlain Street in Alburgh, VT. During the Environmental Review process, it was determined that no HUD environmental regulations require mitigating factors to achieve compliance.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,400,000 with approximately \$500,000 estimated for CDBG funding.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Town of Alburgh 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 offices of the Town of Alburgh, 1 North Main Street Alburgh, VT 0544. The ERR may also be reviewed upon request by contacting James Brady, Environmental Officer, at James.Brady@vermont.gov.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Alburgh, 1 North Main Street, Alburgh, VT 05440. All comments received by April 15, 2021 will be considered by the Town of Alburgh prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should 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 Alburgh is certifying to the Agency that Lee Kimball, in his official capacity of Selectboard Chair, 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 Alburgh to use the CDBG funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

The Agency will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Alburgh 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 the Town of Alburgh; (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 attention of James Brady, Environmental Officer, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, One National Life Drive, Davis Building, 6th Floor, Montpelier, Vermont 05620 or via email at James.Brady@vermont.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Agency to verify the actual last date of the objection period.

Lee Kimball, Selectboard Chair