

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-NDR Funds	2. HUD/State Identification Number B-13-MS-25-0002	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		
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	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) Same as above	
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		
9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Baystate Cogeneration Facility	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199	

11. Program Activity/Project Description

Baystate Health, in partnership with the City of Springfield is currently in design development of a Combined Heat and Power Plant (CHP) which will provide electricity, chilled water and steam to Baystate Health. The new CHP plant is composed of a new 4.6 megawatt Gas Turbine Generator (GTG), a Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG), an absorption chiller, a Black Start Diesel Generator (BSDG) and a Load Management System (LMS). The benefits to City of Springfield and Baystate Health include financial, environmental, utility grid independence, and operational savings that can be diverted to fund the treatment of patients.

The new CHP plant will produce 80% of Baystate Health's annual energy consumption. The CHP plant will produce 68% of the electricity and 97% of the steam utilized at Baystate. Baystate Health is an ideal candidate to install a CHP plant due to high thermal power coincidence due to its consistent operating hours. The new plant will be located in the current loading dock area adjacent to the Physical Plant Building and will provide flexible technology that could be used to provide electricity, heating and cooling.

Estimated Project Cost: \$22,499,743.00

Estimated HUD Funded Amount: \$5,000,000.00

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  X	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)

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASES OF FUNDS

April 15, 2016
City of Springfield
36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

This Notice shall satisfy two (2) separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Springfield.

On or about May 3, 2016 the City of Springfield will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Program (CDP) recovery Program (CDP-DR) with Federal assistance under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013) funding.

PROJECT: Baystate Cogeneration Project

SUMMARY: Baystate Health, in partnership with the City of Springfield is currently in design development of a Combined Heat and Power Plant (CHP) which will provide electricity, chilled water and steam to Baystate Health. The new CHP plant is composed of a new 4.6 megawatt Gas Turbine Generator (GTG), a Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG), an absorption chiller, a Black Start Diesel Generator (BSDG) and a Load Management System (LMS). The benefits to City of Springfield and Baystate Health include financial, environmental, utility grid independence, and operational savings that can be diverted to fund the treatment of patients.

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COST:
ESTIMATED \$22,499,743.00

All projects will take place in the City of Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

There was no determination of Categorical Exclusion and therefore an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been completed. For the Section 106 Consultation process the City of Springfield has been advised by Massachusetts Historic Commission to further consult with Springfield Historic Commission regarding the project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Springfield has determined that the Baystate Cogeneration Project will have No Significant Impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1996 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Office of Disaster Recovery and Compliance located at the address above and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:15AM to 4:30PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Housing at 1600 East Columbus Avenue, Springfield, MA 01103. The City of Springfield will consider all comments received on or before May 2, 2016 prior to authorizing submission of requests for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Springfield certifies to HUD that Domenic J. Sarno, in his capacity as Mayor, 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 certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the activities listed above to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Springfield's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- (b) the RE 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/State; 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) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of HUD, Office of Community Planning and Development, Thomas P. O'Neil Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Boston MA 02227. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor
City of Springfield
(April 15)