## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 22, 2021

City of Meriden 142 East Main Street Meriden, CT 06450 (203) 630-4105

On or about July 30, 2021 the City of Meriden will submit a request to the HUD for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to undertake a project known as CDBG Sidewalk Repair and Improvement for the purpose of improving and repairing the sidewalks and associated infrastructure along Sherman Street and Bunker Avenue.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to 142 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450 or by email to Economic Development Director Joseph Feest at jfeest@meridenct.gov.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Community Development Manager and Grants Administrator, Lucy Diaz at ldiaz@meridenct.gov. All comments received by July 30, 2021 will be considered by the City of Meriden prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Meriden certifies to HUD that Kevin Scarpati, 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 City of Meriden to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Meriden'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 of the City of Meriden; (b) the City

of Meriden 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 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Hartford Field Office at Suzanne.piacentini@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Hartford Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kevin Scarpati., Mayor