

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

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On or after **December 26, 2025**, the County of Jefferson, acting as the lead county for the North Country HOME Consortium, will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Federal funds under Title II/Subtitle A: HOME Investment Partnership Act of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended through 1998, to undertake the following programs whose purpose is to expand the supply of safe, decent and sanitary housing to benefit low and very low income persons in the North Country HOME Consortium area. The proposed activities include Snowbelt Housing Company for 8 units of owner-occupied rehab in Lewis County (\$299,182.28); North Jefferson Improvement Association, formerly known as the Clayton Improvement Association, for 9 units of owner-occupied rehab in Jefferson County (\$205,965.00).

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at Jefferson County Department of Planning, 175 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M. Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Jefferson County Planning Department at the address above. All comments received by **December 18, 2025**, will be considered by the Jefferson County Planning Department prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION: The County of Jefferson, acting as the lead county for the North Country HOME Consortium certifies to HUD that William W. Johnson, in his capacity as Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators 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 North Country HOME Consortium to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS: HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Jefferson County'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 Jefferson County; (b) the County of Jefferson 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to US Department of Housing and Urban Development at CPDRROFBUF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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