

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: July 14, 2023

County of Orange

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On or about July 24, 2023, the County of Orange will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Los Angeles Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as Housing Rehabilitation for the purpose of Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation of approximately \$4,000,000 in the Cities Brea, Cypress, Seal Beach, Placentia, Yorba Linda and unincorporated areas of Orange County.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements or alternative. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. Mail to OC Housing and Community Development, Attention Suzanne Harder 1501 E. St Andrew Place, 1st Floor, Santa Ana, CA, 92705 or by email to suzanne.harder@occr.ocgov.com. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://www.ochcd.org/resoures/environmentals>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Housing and Community Development either electronically or by U.S. Mail to OC Housing and Community Development, Attention Suzanne Harder 1501 E. St Andrew Place, 1st Floor, Santa Ana, CA, 92705 or by email to suzanne.harder@occr.ocgov.com. All comments received by July 21, 2023, will be considered by the County of Orange prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Orange certifies to HUD that Craig Fee in his capacity as Community Development Manager of OC Housing and Community Development 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 County of Orange to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Orange'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 County of Orange; (b) the County of Orange 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 HUD Los Angeles Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) at CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact Los Angeles CPD via email at CPDLA@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Craig Fee, Community Development Manager
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