

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROJECT

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On or after April 30, 2025, the County of Orange will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Los Angeles Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) for the release of approximately \$180,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to undertake the following project: Old Town Placentia Façade Improvement Program.

**Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Placentia Old Town Façade Improvement Program**

**Purpose:** Economic Development Façade Renovation in Old Town Placentia.

**Location:** Old Town Placentia. Specific addresses will be assessed in the site-specific reviews.

**Project/Program Description:** The project will provide funding to renovate commercial building facades in the targeted area

**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.**

**Level of Environmental Review Citation:** The project is Categorically excluded subject to the Federal laws and authorities cited in §58.5 (CEST) Rehabilitation of non-residential structures including commercial, industrial, and public buildings 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(iii).

**Tier 2 Site Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review:** Historic Preservation, Explosive and Flammable Materials, and Contamination and Toxic Substances. Each project will be reviewed to ensure compliance with these laws and authorities. **Estimated Project Cost:** \$180,000

**The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(iii). An Environmental Review Record (ERR)** that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Orange County Housing and Community Development 1501 E. St. Andrew Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705 where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M. or the ERR can be accessed online at the following Orange County Housing and Community Development website at <https://www.ochcd.org/resources/environmentals> or at the HUD website at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Orange County Office of Housing and Community Development (OC H&CD) either electronically or by U.S. Mail, Attention Suzanne Harder 1501 E. St Andrew Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Santa Ana, CA, 92705 or by email to [suzanne.harder@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:suzanne.harder@occr.ocgov.com). All comments received by April 29, 2025, 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 Orange County 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. 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 Field Office of Community Planning and Development, 300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 4054, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or via email to [CPDLA@hud.gov](mailto:CPDLA@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact Los Angeles CPD via email at [CPDLA@hud.gov](mailto:CPDLA@hud.gov) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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