

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Notice: September 9, 2020

Name of Responsible Entity County of Orange, OC Housing & Community Development

Address: 1501 E. St. Andrew Place

City, State, Zip Code: Santa Ana, CA 92705

Telephone Number: (714) 480-2818

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Orange.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 25, 2020 County of Orange, Housing & Community Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Public and Indian Housing for the release of 16 Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) Project-Based Vouchers as authorized under Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA), to undertake a development known as **The Salvation Army Anaheim Center of Hope Permanent Supportive Housing Phase 1 (“Center of Hope”)**.

The Center of Hope is located 1340 S. Lewis Street, Anaheim, CA 92805. The Development is a new construction, 72-unit permanent supportive housing project serving homeless individuals in the City of Anaheim. The Developer has requested 16 Project-Based Vouchers from the OCHA with an approximate annual value of \$246,144 for 20 years under the 2020 Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability.

The City of Anaheim has committed the use of up to 50 of their Project-Based Vouchers for up to 20 years which they described as a 100-unit project. However, due to the lack of availability other funding sources, the Developer decided to reduce the number of units from 100 to 72.

The Center of Hope will consist of a four story, approximately 49,000 sq. ft. building, with the residential units located on floors two through four, while the first floor will include three case management offices, a large assembly/multi-purpose room, a smaller meeting room, two property management offices, and entry, lounge, and utility spaces, as well as 18 garage parking spaces. The project will also include two elevators, an accessible stairway, additional community spaces on the upper floors (laundry, computer room/library, game/tv room, and fitness room), outdoor community space, and 9 additional uncovered tenant parking spaces. Seventy (70) of the apartments will be studios (approximately 325 sq. ft) for single homeless adults, and 2 will be one-bedroom apartments for staff. Each of the 70 resident apartments, including the units proposed herein for PBVs and MHSA funding, will include a private bathroom, small kitchenette, and fully furnished living/sleeping room. Apartments will be income and rent restricted and will have project-based Section 8. There will be no commercial space.

The project is expected to commence construction in August of 2021, with construction completion anticipated in October of 2022 and lease-up of all units completed by February of 2023.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Orange, Housing & Community Development has determined that the development will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. 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 OC H&CD 1501 E. St. Andrew Place, 1st Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92705 or by email to jaclyn.canzone@occr.ocgov.com. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://www.occr.ocgov.com/hcd/community>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Notice is hereby further given to provide the public a 15-day review period beginning September 9, 2020 to September 24, 2020. Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the OC Housing & Community Development, 1501 E. St. Andrew Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705. All comments received by September 24, 2020 will be considered by the County of Orange prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Orange certifies to HUD that Julia Bidwell in her capacity as Director of OC Housing & 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 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Los Angeles Office of Public Housing at HUDLOSANGELESOPH@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Los Angeles Office of Public Housing via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Julia Bidwell, Director
OC Housing & Community Development