

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

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Alameda County Community Development Agency's Housing and Community Development Department.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 26, 2022 the Alameda County's Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the HUD for the release of Project-Based Section 8 Voucher funds under Section 8(o)(13) of the Housing Act of 1937, (42 USC 1437f), as amended. And for the release of \$4,000,000 in HOME ARPA Grant Funding, as authorized by the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.) and Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan (P.L. 117-2) (ARP), to undertake a project known as Cedar Street Apartments. In order to submit a request for the funds, the State of California requires a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance when a project source has federal funds.

The site includes 2 contiguous parcels of totaling approximately 2.7 acres with the Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 901-195-37, and -38 in Newark, California. The City of Newark together with Allied Housing, Inc. proposes to repurpose an existing extended-stay hotel located at 39802 Cedar Boulevard and convert the existing 125 units into 124 permanent supportive housing and affordable housing apartment units. It is anticipated that 50 percent of the housing will be dedicated to homeless individuals and families, and the other 50 percent to individuals or families at risk of homelessness. the project also includes repurposing some the existing surface parking lot area for a tot lot, dog run, and bike storage.

Funding Sources: The proposed project anticipates receiving Section 8 funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as from Alameda County's HOME Consortium's HOME American Rescue Plan Act [ARPA] funds. In addition, the City of Newark has assigned funding for the project, a portion of which also stems from ARPA funds. The City will follow the appropriate noticing for the use of HUD funds.

Estimated Total Project Cost: The total project cost is estimated to be \$44,351,280.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Alameda County's Housing and Community Development Department has determined that the project 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) available online at: <https://www.acgov.org/cda/hcd/>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Kelly M. Thiemann, HCD Manager via email at Kelly.thiemann@acgov.gov. All comments received by 5:00 PM on Monday, July 25, 2022, will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Alameda County certifies to the U.S. HUD that Michelle Starratt, in her capacity as Housing Director, Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department, in her capacity as NEPA Certifying Officer 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 allow the County to use Programs funds as applicable.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to the Responsible Entity's (RE) Request of Release of Funds and Environment Certification for a period of fifteen days following the submission date specified above or the actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the certifying officer of the RE; (b) the RE has omitted a step or fail to make a determination or finding required by HUD regulation at 24 CFR part 58 or by CEQ regulation 40CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the RE has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact study per 24 CFR subparts E,F or G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; or (e) another Federal, State or local agency 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 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region IX at CPD_COVID-19OEE-SFO@hud.gov for HOME ARPA funds. Potential objectors should contact United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region IX via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period. For the Section 8 Vouchers, objections should be addressed to Todd Greene at the HUD Office of Public and Indian Housing, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region IX at Todd.R.Greene@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact Todd Greene at Todd.R.Greene@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michelle Starratt
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County of Alameda