

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS  
(Revised November 16, 2023)**

~~October 25, 2023~~ November 16, 2023

County of Fresno  
Department of Public Works & Planning  
Community Development  
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by The County of Fresno.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about ~~November 13~~ December 4, 2023, the County of Fresno will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program of Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq., to undertake construction of an 136-unit affordable rental community, including one manager's unit. There will be 136 units split between two phases of development that will consist of 48 one-bedroom units, 48 two-bedroom units, and 40 three-bedroom units and a community building including office space, laundry facilities, and computer lab. The proposed project site is located at the corner of Cherry and Sanger Avenues, Sanger, CA. The anticipated sources and uses may change based on the availability of funding. The cost of the project is estimated at \$36,050,133, including estimated HUD or HOME Program funds of \$1,000,000. Potential funding for the project may include the following: MHP, Joe Serna, HOME, low-income housing tax credits and other sources of State and Federal financing.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The County of Fresno 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) on file at County of Fresno, 2220 Tulare Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Fresno, CA and may be examined or copied weekdays during the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and is also available on the County's website: [www.fresnocountyca.gov/grants](http://www.fresnocountyca.gov/grants).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County of Fresno Department of Public Works and Planning, Attn: Jonathan Avedian at the address listed above, or by email to: [javedian@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:javedian@fresnocountyca.gov). ~~Paul Scheibel, Environmental Coordinator, at 315 E. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.~~ All comments received by ~~November 13~~ December 1, 2023, will be considered by the County of Fresno prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The County of Fresno certifies to HUD that Steven E. White in his capacity as Director of the Department of Public Works and Planning 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 Fresno to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the County of Fresno'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 Fresno *RE*; (b) the County of Fresno 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, CPD Office, by email to: [rrofsfro@hud.gov](mailto:rrofsfro@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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