

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

*February 2, 2024
The County of Fresno
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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 February 21, 2024, the County of Fresno will submit a request to the HUD for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program at Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq. to undertake the following project: Reedley Willow Grove Affordable Housing Development for the purpose of the construction of an 80-unit multi-family housing development in the City of Reedley. The project requests up to \$1,500,000.00 in HOME funds from the County; the total estimated cost of the project at \$24,575,522.00. The site is 4.25 acres and part of a larger 18.3-acre parcel located on the south side of Dinuba Avenue just east of the Buttonwillow Avenue intersection, in Reedley, California (APN 370-240-66).

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 2220 Tulare Street, 8th Floor, Fresno, CA 93721 and may be examined or copied Mondays through Fridays, 8 A.M to 5 P.M. and is also available on the County's website: 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. All comments received by February 20, 2024, 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 funds 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; (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. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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