

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

Date of Notice: July 23, 2022

Responsible Entity [RE]: County of Monterey

Address: 1441 Schilling Place, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901

Telephone Number: (831) 755-5387

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 3, 2022, the County of Monterey will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of up to \$80,500 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, as authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title I, Part 24, Section 570, Public Law 93-383, 88 Stat. 633, 42 U.S.C 5301-5321, as amended, to undertake a project known as the VTC---Hayes-Circle-Duplex-Rehabilitation CDBG funds shall be made available in 2021-2022.

The Veterans Transition Center will use CDBG funding to rehabilitate the duplex located at 228 Hayes for use as transitional housing for homeless veterans. 228 Hayes is one of the last duplexes owned by VTC that has not been rehabilitated. Within the larger rehabilitation project, CDBG funding will be used to remediate and replace inefficient, irreparable, and potentially hazardous transite ductwork buried under a concrete slat foundation with a modern, safe, repairable, and to code heating system. A new updraft furnace will also be installed and remediation of hazardous materials that may be encountered. Based on the VTC's prior experience rehabilitating similar duplexes, they expect to encounter asbestos containing materials in the existing ductwork. Other rehabilitation work will be done to modernize electrical and plumbing systems and generally make the units suitable for habitation. The project is estimated to cost \$243,000. The City has applied for and received CDBG funds from City of Monterey in the amount of \$80,000 and City of Seaside in the amount of \$43,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Monterey 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). 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 Darby Marshall at 1441 Schilling Place, 2nd Floor, South, Salinas, CA 93901 or by email to marshalld@co.monterey.ca.us. The ERR can be accessed on-line at the following website:

<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/housing-community-development/housing>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County of Monterey Housing and Community Development Department at the above address. All comments received by the close of business on August 2, 2022, may be considered by the County of Monterey prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Monterey certifies to HUD that Erik Lundquist, Director, Housing and Community Development Department, in his capacity as 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 allows the County of Monterey to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Monterey'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 Monterey; (b) the County of Monterey 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 sfcpdmail@hud.gov or CPD_COVID-19OEE-SFO@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Erik Lundquist, Director of Housing and Community Development
Certifying Officer