

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

Date of Notice: August 31, 2023

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 September 30, 2023, the County of Monterey will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$175,000 in Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants, 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 to install solar streetlights in the predominately low-moderate income community of San Lucas, Monterey County, California.

The Monterey County Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (Public Works) will use CDBG funds to construct 30 concrete streetlight foundations, erecting 30 streetlight poles, and installing 30 solar luminaire systems in the community. Construction of the solar streetlights will require disturbance of approximately 8-feet below existing grades. Construction of these improvements within the public right-of-way may be the first time these soils have been disturbed in the last 30-years.

On or about September 30, 2023, the County of Monterey will submit another request for release of \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants, 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 Las Lomas Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Construction project for the purpose of improving pedestrian safety in a predominately low-moderate income community of Las Lomas, Monterey County, California.

The Monterey County Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (Public Works) will use CDBG funds for construction of the sidewalks, curb, gutter, driveway approaches, and ADA access ramps will require disturbance of approximately 12 inches below existing grades. Construction of these improvements within the public right-of-way may be the first time these soils have been disturbed in the last 30-years. The County Public Works, Facilities, and Parks Department may also undertake, with non-CDBG funds, selected asphalt rehabilitation that may require disturbing up to 6 inches below the existing grade.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Monterey has determined that the projects 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 ERRs 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 Dawn Yonemitsu at 1441 Schilling Place, 2nd Floor, South, Salinas, CA 93901 or by email to

housingprograms@co.monterey.ca.us. The ERRs can be accessed on-line at the following website: <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/housing-community-development/planning-services/community-development-project-program-financing/urban-county-community-development-block-grants>.

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 September 30, 2023, will 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 Craig Spencer, Interim 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 to HUD Region IX, Attn: Acting Director, Community Planning and Development, U.S. HUD Region IX and sent by email to rrofsfro@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Craig Spencer, Interim Director of Housing and Community Development
Certifying Officer