



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 31, 2021, the City of Lake Elsinore will submit a request to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Round 2 (CDGB-CV2) Homekey Set Aside funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act), to undertake a project known as The Anchor – Rehabilitation (project). The project would consist of refurbishment and minor improvements to The Anchor, an existing crisis stabilization housing complex that consists of 14 interim transitional housing units, as well as a community room and an administrative office for homeless outreach resources and services. The total estimated cost of the project is \$700,000.

The project is located at 215 West Graham Avenue in the City of Lake Elsinore in Riverside County, California (project site). The project site encompasses 0.82 acre on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 374-172-009, 374-172-012, and 374-172-021.

Project activities would be limited to minor interior rehabilitation and exterior site work, which include: (1) improving electrical wiring to address safety issues in all 14 studio units; (2) removing bathtubs and converting to walk-in showers in the 14 units; (3) replacing surface counters with modular kitchen counters in the 14 units; (4) refurbishing the laundry room into a commercial laundry space with new electrical and venting; (5) installing outdoor pet kennels to reduce pet related property damage in rooms causing high remediation expenses; and (6) installing a new entry gate lock system. Construction activities are anticipated to begin in October 2021 and be completed by November 2022.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under United States Department of Housing and Community Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Lake Elsinore Community Development Department at 130 South Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday from 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. or Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The ERR will also be made available to the public for review electronically on the City of Lake Elsinore website at: <http://www.lake-elsinore.org/city-hall/city-departments/city-clerk/notices>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Lake Elsinore, Attention Nicole Dailey, at 130 South Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530, or via e-mail at ndailey@lake-elsinore.org. All comments received by September 3, 2021 will be considered by the City of Lake Elsinore prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Lake Elsinore certifies to HCD that Jason Simpson in his capacity as City Manager 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. HCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Lake Elsinore to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HCD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Lake Elsinore'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 City of Lake Elsinore; (b) the City of Lake Elsinore 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 HCD; 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 HCD via email at nepacomment@hcd.ca.gov. Potential objectors should contact HCD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

FURTHER INFORMATION regarding the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Round 2 (CDGB-CV2) Homekey may be obtained by contacting Nicole Dailey at (951) 674-3124 ext. 314 or ndailey@lake-elsinore.org

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