

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

December 26, 2023

San Joaquin County
Community Development Department
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This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of San Joaquin.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 16, 2024, at least one day after the end of the public comment period, the County of San Joaquin will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) (Grant # B-23-UC-06-0009), the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, and the 2023 Community Project Funding Grant (CPFG)(B-23-CP-CA-0130) to undertake a project known as Temporary Emergency Housing Project on Arbor Avenue for the purpose of creating and operating emergency housing for unsheltered individuals in the City of Tracy and south San Joaquin County.

The Temporary Emergency Housing Project on Arbor Avenue will create and operate emergency housing for unhoused individuals in the City of Tracy and south San Joaquin County. The proposed project is located at 370 W. Arbor Avenue, Tracy, California, on City of Tracy owned property, within the city limits. The proposed housing facility is designed to provide 154 beds. The facility is being designed to be able to be modified in the future, based on community needs and availability of future funding.

The proposed project includes construction of a new emergency housing facility and will offer navigation services for unsheltered individuals. Additional improvements include restroom, shower, storage and laundry facilities, a commercial kitchen, and administrative offices. The City will select a service provider to operate the facility and provide case management to connect people experiencing homelessness to health, employment, and housing resources. Construction includes erecting the primary structure, installing the supporting structures, connecting to infrastructure, and installing drainage, paving, and landscaping.

The total estimated project cost is \$20,948,487 of which \$3,000,000 would be provided by a CPFG grant (Grant #B-23-CP-CA-0130) and \$349,167 would be provided by a CDBG Grant (Grant # B-23-UC-06-0009.) The CPFG Grant (Grant #B-23-CP-CA-0130) and CDBG Grant (Grant # B-23-UC-06-0009) funding will be used for various project site improvements and structures. The total secured funding for the project is \$20,710,816 from the following sources:

City of Tracy – Land	\$ 180,000
Housing Asset Funds	\$ 690,000
Community Development Block Grant – San Joaquin County Allocation -(Covid-19 Round 1 Relief Funds)	\$ 100,000
Community Development Block Grant – San Joaquin County Allocation -(Covid-19 Round 3 Relief Funds)	\$ 330,133
Community Development Block Grant – City of Tracy -FY 21-22 Allocation	\$ 403,365
Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Funds (HHAP) San Joaquin County	\$ 329,240
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – City of Tracy	\$ 4,500,000
American Rescue Plan Act - Allocation for Regional Homeless Shelter Projects and Services - San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors	\$ 3,661,113
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors	\$ 7,167,798
Community Development Block Grant – City of Tracy – 23-24 Project No. TR23.56	\$349,167
Community Project Funding Grant – HUD- (Grant #B-23-CP-CA-0130)	\$ 3,000,000

CPFG (Grant #B-23-CP-CA-0130) and the CDBG Grant funding (Grant # B-23-UC-06-0009) will be used for various project site improvements, underground utilities, and structures. The project meets two national objectives: benefiting low and moderate-income persons and meeting community needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of San Joaquin 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 the San Joaquin County Neighborhood Preservation Department located at 1810 E Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95205 and may be examined or copied upon request at the Neighborhood Preservation Department during regular business hours weekdays 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M. Please call (209)468-3175, or by email request to Greg Diederich at gdiederich@sichcs.org. The ERR will also be made available to the public for review electronically at: <https://tinyurl.com/TEHEnvironmental>, under the Environmental heading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County of San Joaquin County, Attn: Greg Diederich, 1810 E Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95205 or email to Greg Diederich at gdiederich@sichcs.org. All comments received by January 15, 2024 will be considered by the County of San Joaquin prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds (RROF). Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of San Joaquin certifies to HUD that Greg Diederich, in his capacity as Director, San Joaquin County Health Care Services, 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 San Joaquin to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of San Joaquin'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 San Joaquin County; (b) San Joaquin County 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at CPD_COVID-19OEE-SFO@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email at CPD_COVID-19OEE-SFO@hud.gov and rrofsfro@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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