

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

Date of Notice: September 1, 2022
Name of Responsible Entity: City of Orange, Community Development Department
Address: 300 East Chapman Avenue
Orange, CA 92866
Telephone Number: (714) 744-2225

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 16, 2022, the City of Orange (City) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for the release of HOME Investment Partnership funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, to undertake a project known as the Villa St. Joseph Housing Project. The proposed project is located within the outer edge of the St. Joseph Hospital Orange campus, in a low-density residential neighborhood. The project site is currently occupied by a three-story Catholic convent, approximately 47,355 square feet in size, situated at the northwest corner of the SJCO area in a mixed commercial and residential neighborhood to the west of downtown Orange. The project is located on Assessor's Parcel Number 041-080-44. The project would involve conversion of the convent to a 50-unit affordable senior housing development consisting of 43 one-bedroom units, 6 studio units, and 1 two-bedroom unit reserved for the building manager. Of the 49 available units, 18 would be supportive housing reserved for individuals that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness and who are Mental Health Services Act eligible earning at or below 30% AMI. The remaining 31 units would be reserved for low-income seniors earning at or below 60% AMI. Funding would include HOME Investment Partnership funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City 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) which can be examined and/or copied at the following:

☞ Community Development Department – 300 East Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA 92866
☞ Orange Public Library (Main Library) – 407 East Chapman Avenue, Orange CA 92866
☞ City website at www.cityoforange.org/our-city/departments/community-development/planning-division/current-projects

The ERR will also be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to 300 East Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA 92866, Attention: Chad Ortlieb, or by email to cdbs@cityoforange.org.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Chad Ortlieb, Acting Principal Planner with the City of Orange. All comments received by September 16, 2022 will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City certifies to HUD that Susan Galvan, Acting Community Development Director with the City of Orange 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 City to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City's environmental 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; (b) the City 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's State administration office at:

United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
Los Angeles Field Office
300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 4054
Los Angeles, CA 90012

or

CA_Webmanager@hud.gov

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be emailed to the HUD grant administration office at: RROFSFRO@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Chad Ortlieb, Acting Principal Planner, City of Orange

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