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

Date: May 29, 2022

County of Marin
Community Development Agency
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 308
San Rafael, CA 94903

This Notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Marin.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 14, 2022, the County of Marin will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of $50,000 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 CLAM Ocean Terrace project for the purpose of rehabilitating affordable housing.

The Community Land Trust of West Marin plans to make electrical upgrades to its 8-unit Ocean Terrace apartment building located at 21 Calle del Embarcadero in Stinson Beach, CA. The project entails replacing the commercial-grade propane water heater, converting the gas water heater to an electric one to minimize hazard from improper ventilation, and upgrading the old electric panel. A new electrical line will be run from the utility pole across the road. The property serves lower income families. The project will utilize approximately $40,000 of CDBG funds for costs for predevelopment, materials, and construction hard costs.

Total project cost is estimated to be $80,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Marin 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 (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the County of Marin, and may be accessed via the following URL: https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records or https://www.marincounty.org/federalgrants under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Notices dropdown. The Environmental Review Record shall be available to view at the Marin County Civic Center by appointment. To schedule an appointment contact Community Development Agency staff at federalgrants@marincounty.org or by phone 415-473-7873.
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Housing and Federal Grants Division, County of Marin, Community Development Agency, via E-mail at federalgrants@marincounty.org, or by phone 415-473-7873. All comments received on or before June 14, 2022 will be considered by the County of Marin prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Marin certifies to the U.S. HUD that Matthew H. Hymel, in his capacity as County Administrator of the County of Marin and in his capacity as NEPA 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 Marin to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS

U.S. HUD Office will accept objections to the Responsible Entity’s (RE) Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the submission date specified above or the actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the County of Marin approved by the U.S. HUD; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a determination or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the RE has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F or G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; (e) another Federal, State or local agency 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, Section 58.75) and shall be submitted to CPD (cpd_covid-19oee-sfo@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer: Matthew H. Hymel, County Administrator