

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

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City of San Bernardino

**Trina Perez, Housing Division Manager
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that these notices shall satisfy two separate, but related, procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of San Bernardino to undertake a project known as The Hope Center Campus Project (Project). This notice shall also satisfy Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations found at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 800.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **November 14, 2024**, the City of San Bernardino (City) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$1,901,365 as part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and \$4,299,671 as part of the Home Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program under U.S. Code Title 42, Chapter 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) as amended, and the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (Title I) to undertake the Hope Center Campus Project.

The Proposed Project involves the conversion of the former School of Hope campus, a former special education school, into a homeless navigation facility to provide low-barrier, non-congregate, interim housing and supportive services for homeless individuals and households at risk of becoming homeless. The Proposed Project would involve the demolition of the existing School of Hope Campus and the installation of prefabricated residential structures including congregate and non-congregate housing, as well as amenities. The Project would accommodate 200 individuals and would include beds with storage spaces underneath the beds, bathrooms (with a sink, toilet, and shower), fire sprinklers, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. Community amenities would include a cafeteria, which would also serve as an assembly area, as well as Wi-Fi access, outdoor furniture, way-finding signage, landscaping, a waste enclosure (for trash, recycling, and organic waste), and a bicycle storage area.

The Project would be located at 796 E. 6th Street in the central portion of the City of San Bernardino, in San Bernardino County, CA. The Project Site consists of a portion of a larger parcel (Assessor's Parcel Number 027-819-130).

The total project cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) is estimated at approximately \$22,000,000 with a total estimated HUD-funded amount of \$6,201,036.

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED

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. Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act set forth in 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), the City of San Bernardino finds that the Project would have a finding of No Historic Properties Affected. Additional project information, including concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City that can be accessed online at the following website: https://www.sbcity.org/city_hall/community_development_and_housing/planning/environmental_documents

By request, the ERR will also be made available to the public for review either electronically by contacting Trina Perez, Housing Division Manager, Housing@sbcity.org, or in-person at 201 N. E Street, 3rd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Trina Perez, Housing Division Manager, Housing@sbcity.org, or by U.S. mail at the address listed above. All comments received by **November 13, 2024**, 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 of San Bernardino certifies to HUD that Cassandra Searcy, in her capacity as Deputy Director of Housing and Homelessness, 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 allow the City of San Bernardino 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 must be emailed to HUD's grant administration office at 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: CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Please contact the City of San Bernardino Community Development and Housing Department at (909) 384-5357 for additional information.

Gabriel Elliott, Director
Community Development and Housing Department

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