

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 3, 2024, the City of Santa Clarita (City) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Los Angeles Field Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a proposed project known as the Handyworker Program (Program) in Program Year 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). The purpose of the Program is to provide minor housing repairs for low- and moderate-income households in owner-occupied single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums, and mobile homes located within the City boundaries. The City will administer this Program through a subcontract with the Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging. The estimated funding is \$450,000.

The proposed activity is categorically excluded under 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 Santa Clarita Community Development Department located at 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA 91355-2196. The ERR is available for public review online at <https://santaclarita.gov/community-preservation/affordable-housing/community-development-block-grants/>. The ERR is also available by U.S. mail upon request to the City. Submit U.S. Mail requests to Project Technician Donya Plazo by phone at 661.255.4368 or by email at dplazo@santa-clarita.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Santa Clarita, Attention: Kasey Lee, Administrative Analyst, at 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA 91355-2196. The City will consider all comments received by May 16, 2024, prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Santa Clarita certifies to the HUD Los Angeles Field Office that Kenneth W. Striplin 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Santa Clarita to use Program funds.

OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The HUD Los Angeles Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Santa Clarita'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 Santa Clarita; (b) the City of Santa Clarita 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before the 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 the HUD Los Angeles Field Office at 300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 4054, Los Angeles, CA 90012. To verify the actual last day of the objection period, potential objectors should contact the HUD Los Angeles Field Office at (213) 894-8000.

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