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**Tiered Environment Review  
for Activity/Project that is  
Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5  
Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** 23-24-Handyworker-Program

**HEROS Number:** 900000010321250

**Responsible Entity (RE):** SANTA CLARITA, 23920 Valencia Blvd Santa Clarita CA, 91355

**State / Local Identifier:** California

**RE Preparer:** Donya Plazo

**Certifying Officer:** Kenneth W. Striplin

**Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):**

**Point of Contact:**

**Consultant (if applicable):**

**Point of Contact:**

**Project Location:** City Of Santa Clarita, CA 91355

**Additional Location Information:**

Project site locations will be identified throughout the program year. All site locations will be inside the City of Santa Clarita city boundaries.

**Direct Comments to:**

**Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:**

For Fiscal Year 2023-24, the City of Santa Clarita has budgeted \$400,000 in CDBG funds for the Handyworker Program. This program provides low- and moderate-income homeowners of owner-occupied homes and mobile homes with grants up to \$5,000 per household for minor, qualifying repairs to maintain the homes in safe and livable condition. The scope of services includes minor residential repair activities. Eligible interior and exterior repairs include but are

not limited to minor roof patching; painting; window, door and garage repair/replacement; water heater repair/replacement; small scale plumbing repair; heating and air conditioning repair; mobile home skirting; fence and stair repair; ADA improvements; and other activities similar in scope. As a subrecipient, the Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging ("Senior Center") will administer the program on the City's behalf. The Senior Center will perform the minor repair work with Senior Center staff as well as licensed subcontractors, when needed.

**Maps, photographs, and other documentation of project location and description:**

[City Boundary Map.pdf](#)

**Approximate size of the project area:** 1/8 square mile

**Length of time covered by this review:** 1 Year

**Maximum number of dwelling units or lots addressed by this tiered review:**

60

**Level of Environmental Review Determination:**

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5: 58.35(a)(3)

**Determination:**

	Extraordinary circumstances exist and this project may result in significant environmental impact. This project requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA); OR
✓	There are no extraordinary circumstances which would require completion of an EA, and this project may remain CEST.

**Approval Documents:**

**7015.15 certified by Certifying Officer on:**

**7015.16 certified by Authorizing Officer on:**

**Funding Information**

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name
B-23-MC-06-0569	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) (Entitlement)

**Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:** \$400,000.00

**Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]:** \$400,000.00

**Compliance with 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5 and §58.6 Laws and Authorities**

<b>Compliance Factors:</b> Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5, and §58.6	Was compliance achieved at the broad level of review?	Describe here compliance determinations made at the broad level and source documentation.
<b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 &amp; § 58.6</b>		
Airport Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	All project sites will be located within the City of Santa Clarita city boundaries. The City of Santa Clarita is not located within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The nearest general aviation airport, Whiteman Airport, is 7 miles from the City of Santa Clarita city boundaries. The project is in compliance with the Airport Hazards environmental compliance factor. Therefore, no further evaluation is required.
Coastal Barrier Resources Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	All project sites are located within the City of Santa Clarita city boundaries. The City of Santa Clarita does not contain any Coastal Barrier Resources System Units as depicted in the attached Coastal Barrier Resources System map by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Therefore, this project will have no impact on coastal barrier resources and does not require further evaluation.
Flood Insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	All project sites are located within the City of Santa Clarita city boundaries. Federal Financial assistance may not be used in floodplains unless the community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance is both obtained and maintained. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. FEMA's low and moderate risk flood zones begin with the letters "X," "B," or "C." The majority of the City of Santa Clarita is located primarily in Zone X, low and moderate risk flood zone areas. If a project site is located in

		<p>a special flood hazard area within the project boundaries, it is HUD's policy that flood insurance is not required for a federal project consisting of minor repairs in all aggregated repairs cost less than the National Flood Insurance Program's maximum deductible of \$10,000. HUD Environmental Officer Stanley Toal confirmed that policy in the attached email communication. All projects approved eligible for the Handyworker Program have a maximum per project cost of \$5,000. Therefore, this project is exempt from flood insurance based on the project cost and HUD guidance. No further evaluation is required.</p>
<p><b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 &amp; § 58.5</b></p>		
<p>Air Quality</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>These policies apply to projects that may produce a significant new source of air pollution. The Handyworker Program will be limited to minor residential repair activities. The scope of services includes minor residential repair activities. Eligible interior and exterior repairs include but are not limited to minor roof patching; painting; window, door and garage repair/replacement; water heater repair/replacement; small scale plumbing repair; heating and air conditioning repair; mobile home skirting; fence and stair repair; ADA improvements; and other activities similar in scope. No expansion or new construction will be undertaken under this program. As a result, the City anticipates that minimal emissions from minor residential repairs well below pollutant levels set forth by the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. As such, no further evaluation is required.</p>
<p>Coastal Zone Management Act</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The project is not located in nor does it affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the California Coastal Zone Management Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act. No further evaluation is required.</p>

Contamination and Toxic Substances	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Endangered Species Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>These policies apply to projects that may jeopardize the continued existence of a listed species in the wild or destroy or adversely modify its critical habitat. The Handyworker Program is limited to limited minor residential repair activities. The scope of services includes minor residential repair activities. Eligible interior and exterior repairs include but are not limited to minor roof patching; painting; window, door and garage repair/replacement; water heater repair/replacement; small scale plumbing repair; heating and air conditioning repair; mobile home skirting; fence and stair repair; ADA improvements; and other activities similar in scope. These activities will not affect listed species. Therefore, no further evaluation is required.</p>
Explosive and Flammable Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>These policies apply to development, construction and rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or, conversion projects that are near hazardous facilities which store, handle, or process hazardous substances of a flammable or explosive nature. The Handyworker Program will be limited to minor residential repair activities. Eligible interior and exterior repairs include but are not limited to minor roof patching; painting; window, door and garage repair/replacement; water heater repair/replacement; small scale plumbing repair; heating and air conditioning repair; mobile home skirting; fence and stair repair; ADA improvements; and other activities similar in scope. The nature of the activities does not include development, construction or rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, nor conversion activities. Therefore, no further evaluation is required.</p>
Farmlands Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>The Farmlands Protection policies apply to projects that can result in the</p>

		<p>unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses. This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use. Therefore, no further evaluation is required.</p>
<p>Floodplain Management</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Per Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management requires federal activities to avoid impacts to floodplains and to avoid direct and indirect support of floodplain development to the extent practicable. The activities under the proposed project will be limited to minor residential repair. The improvement activities do not comprise substantial improvement and will occur within existing single-family residential structures and mobilehomes. Eligible interior and exterior repairs include but are not limited to minor roof patching; painting; window, door and garage repair/replacement; water heater repair/replacement; small scale plumbing repair; heating and air conditioning repair; mobile home skirting; fence and stair repair; ADA improvements; and other activities similar in scope. The project does not include new construction, major rehabilitation, acquisition, or acquisition of undeveloped land. Given the scope of the proposed project activities, there will be no adverse floodplain impacts associated with the project. In addition, for any project located in a special flood hazard area will be excluded from the 8-Step Decision-Making process pursuant to 55.12(b)(2): "Financial assistance for minor repairs or improvements on one-to four-family properties that do not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under s. 55.2(b)(10)." Therefore, no further evaluation is required.</p>
<p>Historic Preservation</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>Noise Abatement and Control</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>This project involves minor repairs to an existing residential property or mobile</p>

		<p>home. The project will include standardized noise attenuation measures. The project complies with HUD's noise regulations. In addition, any minor rehabilitation or construction activities performed under this project must adhere to the City of Santa Clarita Municipal Code noise requirements codified in Chapter 11.44 of the Santa Clarita Municipal Code, Noise Limits, which are enforceable by the City's Code Enforcement Officers in the Community Preservation Division. The law states, in part, that "No person shall engage in any construction work which requires a building permit from the City on sites within three hundred (300) feet of a residentially zoned property except between the hours of seven a.m. to seven p.m., Monday through Friday, and eight a.m. to six p.m. on Saturday. Further, no work shall be performed on the following public holidays: New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Memorial Day and Labor Day." Therefore, no further evaluation is required.</p>
Sole Source Aquifers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>These policies apply only for new construction and conversion activities. The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 requires protection of drinking water systems that are the sole or principal drinking water source for an area which, if contaminated, would create a significant hazard to public health. No new construction or conversion will be undertaken with this project, nor is this project located in a sole source aquifer area. Therefore, no further evaluation is required.</p>
Wetlands Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>These policies apply to projects that involve new construction, expansion of a building's footprint, or ground disturbance. Wetlands Provisions of 24 CFR Part 55 do not apply to rehabilitation of one- to four-family properties (s.55.12(a)(3)). This project involves minor residential repair to</p>

		<p>existing residential structures and mobile homes. No new construction, building expansion, or ground disturbance is allowed under this project. This project includes no activities that warrant further evaluation under this section.</p>
<p>Wild and Scenic Rivers Act</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act provides federal protection for certain free-flowing, wild, scenic and recreational rivers designated as components or potential components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. It encourages river management that crosses political boundaries and promotes public participation in developing goals for river protections. The Nationwide Rivers Inventory, maintained by the National Park Service, lists more than 3,200 free-flowing river segments in the United States that are believed to possess one or more remarkable natural or cultural values judged to be at least regionally significant. All federal agencies must avoid or mitigate actions that would adversely affect Nationwide Rivers Inventory river segments. According to the Nationwide Rivers Inventory and the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System maps, the City of Santa Clarita is not within proximity to a designated Wild, Scenic, or Recreational River. Therefore, no further evaluation is required.</p>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE</b></p>		
<p>Environmental Justice</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>This project involves minor residential repairs for low- and moderate-income participants to keep their residential units in safe and livable conditions. This project will improve living conditions and will not cause disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and/or low-income populations.</p>

**Supporting documentation**  
[Coastal Barrier Resources Map.pdf](#)



[Coastal Zone Map.pdf](#)  
[FloodZone Map 2023.pdf](#)  
[Flood exception\(1\).pdf](#)  
[Flood exception 2.pdf](#)  
[Floodplain Exemption 55 2b10.pdf](#)  
[Floodplain Exemption 55 12b2.pdf](#)  
[Sole Source Aquifer Map.pdf](#)  
[Wetlands Inentory Map.pdf](#)  
[National Wild and Scenic Rivers System Map.pdf](#)  
[Nationwide Rivers Inventory.pdf](#)  
[Airport Clear Zone Map 2023.pdf](#)

### Written Strategies

The following strategies provide the policy, standard, or process to be followed in the site-specific review for each law, authority, and factor that will require completion of a site-specific review.

<b>1</b>	Contamination and Toxic Substances
	<p>It is HUD policy that all properties proposed for use in HUD programs be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property. The City will conduct a site-specific review for each project site as they are identified. The review will include physical inspection of the property and completion of the HUD recommended Field Contamination Checklist to evaluate the site for contamination. City staff will perform research to determine if there are any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances found within a 3,000 foot study radius of the project site that may affect the health and safety of project occupants. In addition, as source documentation, City staff will utilize the EPA's Enviromapper to provide a NEPA report that will identify nearby dumps, junk yards, landfills, hazardous waste sites, and industrial sites, including EPA National Priorities List site (Superfund sites), and RCRA compliance reports. The City will not commit or expend federal funds on any project site located nearer an identified faciliy that is non-compliant with EPA regulation. The City will maintain RCRA Compliance reports in the program file for all facilities located within a 3,000 radius. The City has determined that the following business categories are exempt from site-specific environmental review due to the limited nature of environmental hazards: * Convenience Stores * Wholesale Food Stores * Drug Stores * Grocery Stores * Schools * Sporting Goods Stores These facilities will be excluded from the review.</p>
<b>2</b>	Historic Preservation

	<p>The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) directs local governments to protect historic properties and to avoid, minimize, or mitigate possible harm that may result from agency actions. The review process, known as Section 106 Review, provides a process for consideration of historic places in project planning and full consultation with interested parties for effective Section 106 compliance. The City will conduct site-specific reviews as project sites are identified. The City will request consultation under Section 106 for all project site locations that meet the criteria and thresholds delineated in the City's Programmatic Agreement with the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) dated September 10, 2021. The City does not need to consult with SHPO for projects involving rehabilitation of mobile homes or trailers. The City will not proceed with the proposed project until the City receives a response of no objection from SHPO, or until 30 days have lapsed since the Section 106 Consultation request with SHPO and the City has not received a response.</p>
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**Supporting documentation**[Historic Preservation SHPO.pdf](#)[Site-Specific Checklist HW.pdf](#)[Contamination Checklist EXEMPLAR TEMPLATE.pdf](#)**APPENDIX A: Site Specific Reviews**

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