

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 2, 2023, the City of Santa Clarita will submit a request to 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, to undertake the Handyworker Program and the Code Enforcement Rehabilitation Program. These projects provide minor housing repair and rehabilitation services to low- and moderate-income households within the Santa Clarita City limits.

The activity proposed is Categorically Excluded (subject to 58.5) under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) which documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at the City of Santa Clarita Community Development Department. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR can be accessed and reviewed online by visiting www.santa-clarita.com/housing and clicking on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The ERR will also be made available to the public for review by U.S. mail, upon request. Requests to receive a copy of the ERR by U.S. Mail shall be submitted to Kasey Lee, Administrative Analyst, by calling 661.286.4174 or sent via email to klee@santa-clarita.com.

PROGRAM DETAILS

The City has budgeted approximately \$400,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in CDBG funds for Handyworker Program grants and approximately \$50,000 for Code Enforcement Rehabilitation Program grants. The Handyworker Program will address minor property repairs and rehabilitation at owner-occupied, single-family homes including, but not limited to, minor repairs of: roofs; windows; floors; walls; doors; heating and a/c units; and electrical systems. The Code Enforcement Rehabilitation Program will address the correction of Santa Clarita Municipal Code violations in owner-occupied housing. The programs will be operated and administered through a subcontract with the Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging (SCVCOA). Actual property repair and rehabilitation work is performed by SCVCOA staff, various subcontractors, and licensed contractors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Santa Clarita, Community Development Department. All comments received by May 16, 2023, will be considered by the City of Santa Clarita prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

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 submitted electronically to the HUD Los Angeles Field Office, directly to CPDLA@hud.gov and copied to Loren V. Ponce at Loren.V.Ponce@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Environmental Officer, HUD Los Angeles Field Office by email, or by calling 213.894.8000, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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