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

Thursday January 25, 2024 Los Angeles Housing Department 1200 W. 7th Street, 8th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 David.Greenwood@lacity.org

These notices satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD).

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about February 12, 2024, LAHD will submit a request to HUD for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq. as amended. In addition, LAHD will authorize HACLA to submit a request to the HUD for the release of Section 8 Project Based Voucher (PBV) funds under the Housing Act of 1937; Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009, Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2012, and Public Law 112-55, as amended to undertake the following project:

- PROJECT: The Carlton
- PURPOSE: This project's scope of work will include development of a new 4-story building of affordable and low-income housing with a total of sixty (60) units. Funding involved is HOME in the amount of \$7,771,750. The development will include a new Type-V construction at 56 feet tall consisting of three stories over a concrete podium totaling approximately 37,000 square feet of residential space and 10,000 square feet of common area space. Common area amenities include open space with landscaped courtyards, a community room, multipurpose room with kitchen, on-site laundry, secured bicycle parking, and offices for property management and supportive services staff. There will be 60 apartment units total, with 30 units as permanent supportive housing for Transition Age Youth (TAY) experiencing homelessness that are at or below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI), and 29 units will be designated for low-income households who earn between 30% and 60% of AMI. The project will also include one (1) unrestricted 2-bedroom manager's unit. Funding will also include thirty (30) Section 8 Project Based Voucher (PBV) contract units that will provide permanent supportive housing to homeless individuals and families, and chronically homeless persons. Project consists of thirty (30) 0-bedroom studio units at 423 S.F each, fifteen (15) 1-bedroom units at 555 S.F. each, and fifteen (15) 2-bedroom units at 770 S.F. each. Amenities include a multipurpose room located on the ground at 874 S.F. In addition, there will be two PSH offices with one PSH meeting room. These areas will be provided with two separate restrooms at 121 S.F. each. The laundry room will have a combined total of six (6) laundry washing machines and six (6) dryers.

TO <u>2 - 9 - 2024</u> PREPARED BY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, Los Angeles Housing Department

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM 1 - 25 - 2024

LOCATION:	5401 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90062
FUNDING 1:	Estimated under Section 8 PBVs: \$675,384 annually for (20) years, total funding of \$13,507,680 / HACLA Project Based Voucher (PBV).
FUNDING 2:	Estimated HOME funding: \$7,771,750

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

An Environmental Assessment under 24 CFR Part 58 was conducted for the above-mentioned projects. LAHD has determined that these projects 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. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review electronically. Please submit your request by email to the Los Angeles Housing Department, Environmental Services Unit, Attention: David Greenwood at david.greenwood@lacity.org

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to LAHD. All comments received by February 9, 2024, will be considered by LAHD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice and which project they are addressing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

LAHD certifies to HUD that Ann Sewill in her capacity as General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department 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 LAHD to use program funds.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE FUNDS**

HUD 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 of the RE; (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 participant 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 under Section 8 PBV must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Los Angeles Office of Public Housing at <u>HUDLOSANGELESOPH@hud.gov</u>. Potential objectors should contact HUD Los Angeles Office of Public Housing via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Objections under HOME funding must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures

(24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Los Angeles Office of Community Planning and Development Department via email at <u>CPDLA@hud.gov</u>. Potential objectors should contact HUD Los Angeles Office of Community Planning and Development Department via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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