

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

Date of Notice: February 3, 2025

Responsible Entity: California Department of Housing and Community Development
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the **California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD)**.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 24, 2025, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as Responsible Entity (RE) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to allow for the release of \$8,693,539 in the form of HOME-ARP funding under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1992, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Maple Meadows Residential Project which includes the construction of 160 low-income multi-family homes with associated roads, park and utility improvements on an existing vacant 5.69-acre site. The Development is located on the northeast corner of Washington Road and Maple Street on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 001-330-001 and -002 within the City of Chowchilla.

The Project consists of the construction and operation of a new 160-unit low-income multi-family residential development and the associated improvements (TSM in Appendix A). Specifically, Project components include:

- Construction of 160 multi-family residential units built over two phases. Each phase will include: 34 one-bedroom units, 24 two-bedroom units and 22 three-bedroom units, as well as shared on-site recreational and open spaces.
- Construction of internal roads, as shown on the TSM in Appendix A.
- Construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks per City Standards.
- Construction of amenities including laundry rooms, high-speed internet, a community center with a computer lab and open area, picnic tables, barbeque areas, as well as an open area and playground for children.
- Front yard landscaping will be included for individual residences at completion of construction.

All required public improvements are proposed and will be installed by the developer as part of the Project. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted by the City of Chowchilla on June 7, 2022, to comply with CEQA. Impacts were considered less than significant with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures. The total project cost is \$42,629,273.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

HCD 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 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 either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by email to NEPAComments@hcd.ca.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to HCD by emailing NEPAComments@hcd.ca.gov Attn: Jason Bradley. All comments received by February 21, 2025 will be considered by HCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

HCD certifies to HUD that Jason Bradley, Project Origination Branch Chief in their capacity 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 HCD to use HOME funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and HCD'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 HCD; (b) HCD 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 shall be emailed to RROFSFRO@hud.gov or mailed to HUD San Francisco Regional Office, One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104. Potential objectors should contact HUD at the above address to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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