

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

June 18, 2026

California Department of Housing and Community Development

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On or about July 6th, 2026, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for a project reconstructing on up to 20 parcels across Plumas County, California. Specific project sites will be identified in the Tier 2 reviews.

Approximately 80% of the homes will be installed on lots located in the burn-scar of the Dixie Fire. Each parcel will be separated into two units as a single-story duplex. The lots will be selected based on location, size, access to water, sewer and power, site preparation requirements and prior CAL OES clearance certificates.

Projected sources of funding include: HCD CDBG-DR-\$8,750,000 (the funding source this notice is requesting) with an estimated \$12,762,727 total project cost. The total number will depend on the project costs and funding amounts.

The activities proposed are 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 HCD Division of Federal Financial Assistance office located at 651 Bannon Street, Ste 400, Sacramento, CA 95811. It may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the HCD Division of Federal and Financial Assistance. All comments received by July 3rd, 2026 will be considered by HCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The California Department of Housing and Community Development certifies to HUD that Jessica Hayes, DFFA Federal Recovery Branch Manager, in her capacity as Certifying Officer 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 HCD to use Program funds.

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

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds 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 the 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 [disasterrecovery@hud.gov](mailto:disasterrecovery@hud.gov) or mailed to HUD San Francisco Regional Office at One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jessica Hayes, Certifying Officer, DFFA Federal Recovery Branch Manager