

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

***California Department of Housing and Community Development
Division of Federal Financial Assistance
651 Bannon Street, Ste. 400
Sacramento, CA 95811***

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 8, 2026, HCD will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$27,560,000 of 2025 Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended (24 CFR Part 92), to undertake a project known as the E Street Apartments for the purpose of constructing a 79-unit affordable housing project to be located at 201 Third Avenue in Chula Vista, California.

The proposed project consists of one (1) five story residential building providing 79 dwelling units. Also included is a community room, conference room, resident computer lab, leasing office, electronic gate, on-site manager, courtyard and common laundry. The project will also include an estimated 215 SF bicycle parking area. The buildings are sustainably designed to exceed state minimum standards and resistant to fire. The site will include solar PV generation, water-wise landscaping, and include recycling facilities and all necessary infrastructure, which may include, but not be limited to curbs, gutters, internal roadways and parking, street lighting, storm drains, etc.

Construction equipment and materials staging will be onsite and adjacent to the site. Large capacity waste bins will be located onsite and adjacent to the site to collect construction material waste under contract with the local waste management service provider to pick up and dispose of all non-hazardous waste. Hazardous waste materials, if any, will be handled and disposed of following local, state and federal protocols using a licensed hazardous waste disposal company.

Due to the limited availability of onsite storage, material deliveries will need to be loaded directly to the lot to be put in place. Any stored material will need to be located on the lot closest to the project and transported to the site as-needed.

As there are no special site conditions requiring specialized equipment, standard construction equipment will be utilized including, but not limited to, skid-steer equipment, bulldozers, backhoes, graders, trenchers, roller soil compactors, lifts (both for workers and materials), water trucks, dump trucks, concrete trucks and various delivery trucks for material deliveries. There may be some cut and fill and minor leveling of the site with the average depth of ground to be approximately three (3) feet or less with the exception of main utilities which may be trenched up to eight (8) feet.

Construction is anticipated to last between 18 and 22 months, weather dependent, with the start date estimated to be late September 2026.

The Request for Release of Funds will include the following HUD funding source/amount: CDBG-DR in the amount of \$27,560,000. Non-HUD project financing includes: a Perm Loan estimated to be in the amount \$5,195,000 and a Chula Vista city loan in the amount of \$4,000,000 for a projected Total Development Cost (TDC) of \$36,755,000.

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 (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 in person, electronically or by U.S. mail. If in person the ERR may be viewed at the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Federal Financial Assistance, 651 Bannan Street, Sacramento, CA 95811, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 AM to 4 PM: An appointment and 24-hours notice is required, or for electronic or 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 to the attention of Jessica Hayes, Federal Recovery Branch Chief, by mail at the address above or by email at NEPAComments@hcd.ca.gov. All comments received by September 7, 2026, 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 Jessica Hayes, Federal Recovery Branch Chief, 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 this certification satisfies their responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows HCD to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS

HUD will accept objections to HCD's 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 its 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 must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be mailed or emailed: if by mail addressed to Community Planning and Development Director, HUD San Francisco Regional Office, One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104 or if by email to HUD Region IX, at RROFSFRO@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email at

RROFSFRO@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jessica Hayes, Federal Recovery Branch Chief

Posted: August 21, 2026