

November 23, 2018

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

City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department
310 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson AZ 85745

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 10, 2018 the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department (Responsible Entity) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, to undertake the project known as the Esperanza En Escalante Supportive Housing Phase II project.

The project includes excavation, trenching, and grading for the new construction of 50 permanent supportive affordable housing units to be constructed at the Esperanza En Escalante (EEE) campus 3700 S. Calle Polar, Tucson Pima County AZ 85730. The project will serve chronically homeless families with children, with a preference for veterans. The project consists of 15-one bedroom, 17-two bedroom and 18-three bedroom units constructed in 16 single story buildings of triplexes and fourplexes. Each unit will have their own washer/dryer. The project will meet the City's Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and is being designed to an equivalent of a LEED Gold standard. Green building technologies will include hard surface flooring, sealed registers and air ducts, thermal performance roof, high efficiency toilets and low-flow plumbing fixtures and passive solar building orientation. This project includes a separate community building with computer lab and will add to and expand current on outdoor space and activities already offered by EEE, including barbecue grills, ramadas with picnic tables, a covered playground, landscaped sitting areas and dog park areas. The project will utilize 46 Project Based Vouchers from the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department for Chronically Homeless.

Requested funding from the HOME program through the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department is \$500,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department (RE) 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.

The Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is available at <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records> and on file at City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department, 310 S. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson, Pima County Arizona 85745 and may be examined weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Copies may be requested at \$.25 per page.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written or email comments on the ERR to Glenn Fournie, City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop Tucson AZ 85745 Glenn.Fournie@tucsonaz.gov . All comments received on or before December 8, 2018 will be considered by the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Comments and responses will be posted on our website at <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/whats-new> .

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department certifies to HUD that Sally Stang in her capacity as Director of the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development 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 the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date of December 10, 2018 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 Tucson; (b) the RE 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 addressed to: Kimberly Nash, CPD Director, US Department of Housing & Urban Development, One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104-4430.

Sally Stang, Director
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