



CITY OF WALNUT CREEK

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

March 20, 2023

City of Walnut Creek
1666 N. Main Street
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Walnut Creek.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 5, 2023, the City of Walnut Creek will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$169,000 in Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants (CDBG), as authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title I, Part 24, Section 570, Public Law 93-383, 88 Stat. 633, 42 U.S.C 5301-5321, as amended; and, authorize the Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of six (6) Project-Based Section 8 Vouchers, as authorized by the United States Housing Act of 1937 Section 8(c)(9), as amended, to undertake a project known as **Hope Village** for the purpose of providing affordable housing.

Hope Solutions proposes to develop the Hope Village project on a portion of the parking lot of an existing church property owned by Presbytery of San Francisco and located at 2100 Tice Valley Boulevard, Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County California 94595. The project will occupy 8,044 square feet of the 3.84 acre parcel (APN 186-030-054-8) and contain seven (7) prefabricated structures – six residential units and one office. Site work includes wood decking, flatwork, ramps, stair, unit storage boxes, fencing, bicycle parking and landscaping.

Total project cost is estimated to be \$1,400,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

City of Walnut Creek 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 (NEPA) 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 electronically and in person. Please submit any request to review in person by email to Stefanie Brynen, Housing Manager brynen@walnut-creek.org. The ERR can be accessed online electronically at the following website:

https://www.walnut-creek.org/departments/community-development-department/development-projects#Hope_Village

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments via email to Stefanie Brynen, Housing Manager brynen@walnut-creek.org. All written comments received on or before April 4, 2023 will be considered by City of Walnut Creek prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

City of Walnut Creek certifies to HUD that Erika Vandenbrande, in her capacity as Director of Community Development, and as NEPA 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 the City of Walnut Creek to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS

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 or other officer of the City of Walnut Creek approved by HUD; (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 participants 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) and shall be emailed to the HUD grant administration office at: CPD_COVID-19OEE-SFO@hud.gov and Todd.R.Greene@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the San Francisco Regional Office via email at CPD_COVID-19OEE-SFO@hud.gov and Todd.R.Greene@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Erika Vandenbrande, Director of Community Development and NEPA Certifying Officer

Staff Contact: Stefanie Brynen, City of Walnut Creek Housing Manager. (925) 943-5899 x2208; brynen@walnut-creek.org

A detailed description of the project may also be accessed via the City's website at: <https://www.walnut-creek.org/departments/community-development-department/development-projects>

Persons with disabilities requiring assistance in order to provide comments, please contact City Clerk at 925-943-5819 at least 24 hours prior to the comment by date and time listed.