

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

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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 May 7, 2026 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 \$11,000,000 in the form of HOME funding under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1992, as amended, to undertake a project known as Baler Place, located at 340 Bridgevale Road, Hollister, California for the purpose of constructing an affordable housing community.

The project consists of proposed new construction of a 53-unit development located in Hollister, San Benito County, California. 52 of the 53 units will be affordable housing, with the remaining unit an unsubsidized manager's unit. There will be 27 units targeted for households making 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and 25 units targeted for households making 30% AMI. These 25 units will additionally operate with a Project-Based Voucher subsidy. The unit mix will consist of six (6) one-bedroom units, twenty-four (24) two-bedroom units, and twenty-three (23) three-bedroom units. The proposed project will meet Green Point rated design standards.

The onsite amenities will include a community center, a bicycle storage room, common laundry room, exterior patio seating area, and common open space. In addition to providing ample parking, Baler Place will be situated approximately 1.9 miles from the San Benito County Express line that provides intercounty transportation between Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and Gilroy.

The Request for Release of Funds is proposed for the California HCD for the release of \$11,000,000 HOME funds. Additional financing for this project includes Infill Infrastructure Grant funds from the California HCD, project-based vouchers (PBVs), and Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) equity.

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 May 6, 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 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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