

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

July 23, 2022

City of Costa Mesa
Development Services Department
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Costa Mesa.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 8, 2022 the City of Costa Mesa will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act Act of 1990 (P.L.101--625), to undertake an acquisition/rehabilitation housing project identified as the priority goal of “Housing Preservation” in the City’s Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan.

The project site (2274 Newport Blvd.) is located on the east side of Costa Mesa in the vicinity of the intersection of Newport Blvd and Victoria St in central Orange County. The project is specifically located at the intersection of Newport Blvd and Albert Place. The project involves the acquisition and conversion of the Motel 6 property into permanent affordable housing. The proposed project will be undertaken in two phases and will result in the substantial rehabilitation of all interior and exterior spaces.

The City will provide a financial commitment of \$3.5 million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds and up to \$1,500,000 in HOME funds for permanent loan financing for costs associated with the development, acquisition and/or rehabilitation of the property.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Costa Mesa 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) on file at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday and every other Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Costa Mesa Development Services Department, Attention: Housing & Community Development, at 77 Fair Drive,

Costa Mesa, CA 92626 or electronically at hcd@costamesaca.gov. All comments received by August 6, 2022 at 4pm will be considered by the City of Costa Mesa prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Costa Mesa certifies to HUD that Jennifer Le, in her capacity as Director of Economic and Development Services, 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 Costa Mesa to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Costa Mesa'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 City of Costa Mesa; (b) the City of Costa Mesa 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Los Angeles HUD Office at CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact Los Angeles HUD Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jennifer Le
Director of Economic and Development Services

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End of Comment Period: August 6, 2022