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April 16, 2019

Gerard Windt, Director
Office of Public Housing,
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
One Sansome Street, Suite 1200
San Francisco, CA 94104

Dear Mr. Windt,

Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Environmental Review Procedures for Community Development, the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, in its capacity as the Responsible Entity for the Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa, hereby request release of Capital Fund Program funds for the demolition of 49 residential buildings that are vacant and boarded up within the Las Deltas Public Housing development. The project is located on 1601 N. Jade Street, Richmond, California.

The properly executed HUD form 7015.15 for is attached along with a copy of the published Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds for the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gabriel Lemus", is written over a circular stamp.

Gabriel Lemus, CDBG Program Manager
Contra Costa County

Enclosures

CC: Robert Moore, Development Director – Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa

Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning
and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087
(exp. 03/31/2020)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) Capital Fund Program	2. HUD/State Identification Number	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14.872	5. Name and address of responsible entity Contra Costa County Dept. of Conservation & Development (DCD) 30 Muir Road Martinez, CA 94553	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Gabriel Lemus, (925) 674-7882		
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Office of Public Housing One Sansome Street, Suite 1200 San Francisco, CA 94104	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa 3133 Estudillo Street Martinez, CA 94553	

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Las Deltas Public Housing: Demolition of 49 buildings	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) 1601 North Jade Street Richmond/(Contra Costa County), CA
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

The Project is currently a vacant public housing apartment complex located on an approximately 11.38-acre site. The Project was constructed in 1952 and 1959 and is a public housing apartment complex. Project improvements consist of 49 apartment buildings, surface-level asphalt and concrete paving, and landscaping. The 49 buildings include the following:

- Las Deltas – Phase 1; 6A and 6B; (20 buildings, constructed in 1952)
- Las Deltas – Phase 2; Apartments 526-569, and 576-583; (29 buildings, constructed in 1959)

The proposed project includes demolition of the 49 existing apartment buildings. Disposal of demolition debris will be done in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines governing solid waste.

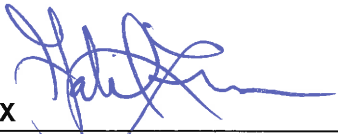
Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did ☐ did not ☒ require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.


Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity	Title of Certifying Officer
	CDBG Program Manager, Contra Costa County-DCD
X	Date signed 4/16/19

Address of Certifying Officer

30 Muir Road, Martinez CA 94553

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient	Title of Authorized Officer
	Executive Director, Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa
X	Date signed 4-16-19

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

West County Times

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Richmond, CA 94804
(510) 262-2740

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CCC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ATTN: LINDSEY BAZUA
30 MUIR RD
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

PROOF OF PUBLICATION FILE NO. FONSI RROF/ORG 1590

In the matter of

West County Times

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter.

I am the Principal Legal Clerk of the West County Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Walnut Creek, County of Contra Costa, 94598

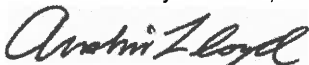
And which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, under the date of August 29, 1978. Case Number 188884.

The notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

03/16/2019

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Walnut Creek, California.
On this 18th day of March, 2019.



Signature

Legal No.

0006309325

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

March 16, 2019

Contra Costa County Department of Conserva-
tion and Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 674-7882

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 1, 2019 the Contra Costa County, Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) will authorize the Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa to submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Public and Indian Housing for the release of Capital Fund Program funds under Section 9(d) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended to undertake a project known as the Las Deltas Demolition Project for the purpose of demolishing 49 residential buildings that are vacant and boarded up. The total project cost will be approximately \$320,000. The project site is located on 1601 North Jade Street, Richmond, California.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Contra Costa County DCD 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 30 Muir Road, Martinez CA, 94553 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Contra Costa County DCD. All comments received by March 31, 2019 will be considered by Contra Costa County DCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Contra Costa County DCD certifies to HUD that Gabriel Lemus in his capacity as CDBG Program Manager 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 Housing Authority of Contra Costa 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 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 addressed to HUD, Community Planning and Development at One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco CA 94104. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Gabriel Lemus, CDBG Program Manager
Contra Costa County
Certifying Officer

WCT 6309325 March 16, 2019