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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

FROM: 3 / 18 / 2022

TO: 3 / 25 / 2022 (extended from 3/14)

PREPARED BY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Friday, March 18, 2022
Los Angeles Housing Department
1200 W. 7th Street, 8th Floor
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This notice satisfies the procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), formerly known as HCIDLA. LAHD has extended the public comment period from 8 days to 16 days and will accept comments received by March 25, 2022.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 28, 2022, LAHD will authorize HACLA to submit a request to HUD for release of the HOME-ARP – HOME American Rescue Plan, to undertake the following project:

PROJECT: Homekey 6531 S. Sepulveda Extended Stay America Hotel

PURPOSE: The Housing Authority City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is proposing to purchase the existing Extended Stay America Hotel, located at 6531 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, in the City of Los Angeles, for use as interim or long-term housing for persons experiencing homelessness, and who are At Risk of Homelessness. The existing Extended Stay America Hotel is a 133-unit hotel built in 1999. The property includes a three story building with guest rooms, a lobby, office, family room, and laundry facilities, and is surrounded by a surface parking lot. Each guest room features a kitchenette with a range, sink, refrigerator, countertops and cabinets. The ground level spaces will be used for offices, supportive service delivery, and community space for residents and staff. Forty-six (46) units will be leased as Chronic Homelessness units, and eighty-five (85) will be targeted to persons who are At Risk of Homelessness.

LOCATION: 6531 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90045

FUNDING: Estimated: \$66,992,352

The activities proposed are Categorically Excluded, Subject to the Federal Laws and Authorities referenced under 24 CFR 58.5 for the above-mentioned project. LAHD has determined that this 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review electronically. Please submit your request by email to the Los Angeles Housing Department, Environmental Services Unit, Attention: David Greenwood at email: david.greenwood@lacity.org.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to LAHD. All comments received by March 25, 2022, will be considered by LAHD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice and which project they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

LAHD certifies to HUD that Ann Sewill in her capacity as General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing 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 LAHD to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE FUNDS

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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Los Angeles Office of Community Planning and Development Department via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period at CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Los Angeles Office of Community Planning and Development Department via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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