

**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 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 15th, 2024 the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development of the City and County of San Francisco (MOHCD) will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development Division for the release of \$750,000 under the Community Funding Program as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (the Act) (Public Law 117-103), enacted March 15, 2022 to undertake the following proposed action:

The Friendship House Association of American Indians (the Project Sponsor) is proposing to construct "The Village Wellness Center", a six-story-over-basement, 79-foot-tall mixed-use building (with an additional 16-foot-tall elevator penthouse) containing 21 group housing units and approximately 30,250 square feet of community facility spaces consisting of cultural, recreational, and medical programming space for the American Indian community in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

The proposed new building would be constructed at 80 Julian Avenue in San Francisco, CA. The new building would provide a community center, a medical and dental clinic, and interim-supportive housing. The Friendship House Association of American Indians currently operates a residential substance use disorder treatment and recovery center for American Indians in a four-story building immediately adjacent and north of the 80 Julian Avenue project site at 56 Julian Avenue. Separately, the Native American Health Clinic operates a medical and dental clinic at 160 Capp Street, three blocks (approximately 1,690 feet) from the project site. The existing building at 56 Julian Avenue would not be modified as part of the proposed project. The courtyard at 56 Julian Avenue would be used for construction staging and other construction activities and would be restored after construction of 80 Julian Avenue is complete.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development 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 the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 and may be examined or downloaded from the MOHCD website at <https://sfmohcd.org/environmental-reviews> or at the HUD website at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews> . If you do not have access to the internet or prefer a hard copy, a copy of the ERR can be mailed to you. Please request hard copies from Madeleine Sweet at MOHCD, One South Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 or 628-652-5965 or Madeleine.Sweet@sfgov.org .

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, City and County of San Francisco, 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103, attn.: Madeleine Sweet or to Madeleine.Sweet@sfgov.org All comments received by 5:00 pm on June 15th, 2024 will be considered by the MOHCD prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds ("RROF"). Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing: the Notice Of Finding

Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) **or** the Notice Of Intent To Request Release Of Funds (NOI-RROF). MOHCD is asking that written comments be submitted via email to Madeleine.Sweet@sfgov.org at this time. If you are unable to access email, please send your comments to Madeleine Sweet, Compliance Coordinator at MOHCD, 1 South Van Ness Avenue – 5th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City and County of San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development certifies to HUD that Daniel Adams in his capacity as Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development 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 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF 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 anticipated submission date specified above 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 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development; (b) the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development 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 emailed to the HUD grant administration office at: RROFSFRO@hud.gov and to Alice.Walkup@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, San Francisco Regional Office – Region IX via email at RROFSFRO@hud.gov and Alice.Walkup@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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