

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice	May 15, 2017
Name of Responsible Entity [RE]	County of Orange
Address (e.g., Street No. or P.O. Box)	1300 S. Grand, Building B
City, State, Zip Code	Santa Ana, CA 92705
Telephone Number of RE	(714) 480-2820

On or about May 23, 2017 the County of Orange, Housing & Community Development will “authorize the Orange County Housing Authority to” submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Voucher funds under 24 CFR Section 982 of the HUD-VASH program as authorized by the 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 110-161) to undertake a project known as Newport Shores Veteran’s Housing by providing VASH Project Based Vouchers at 6001 Newport Shores Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92661. The project will consist of acquisition and tenant improvements to a 12-unit apartment complex for veterans and low income persons.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirement. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at County of Orange, Housing & Community Development/Homeless Prevention and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County of Orange, Housing & Community Development, 1300 S. Grand, Building B, Santa Ana, CA 92705. All comments received by May 22, 2017 will be considered by the County of Orange prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Orange certifies to HUD that John Viafora in his capacity as Manager, Housing & 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 County of Orange to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the County of Orange 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 County of Orange; (b) the County of Orange 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 addressed to HUD, Los Angeles Area Field Office at 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Suite 4054, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John Viafora, Manager
Housing & Community Development