

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

February 23, 2023

Washoe County  
Community Services Department  
1001 E. 9th Street  
Reno, Nevada 89512  
775-328-2040

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Washoe County.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 11, 2023, Washoe County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Region IX, for the release of County funding under the Community Project Funding Program authorized by Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-103), as amended, under HUD Grant number B-22-CP-NV-0629 to undertake a project known as the Nevada Cares Campus. For the purposes of developing the project that will provide a total of 1,100 beds and services for the unhoused. The project encompasses four parcels approximately 18.17 acres in the City of Reno (City), adjacent to the “Spaghetti Bowl” interchange at I-80 and SR395 at 1800 Threlkel Street, Reno, NV (APNs 008-211-47, 008-211-48, 008-211-050, and 008-211-51). The project was designed in four phases. Prior to the commitment of federal funding, Phase 1 was completed to meet immediate needs in 2020 on parcels 008-211-47, -48, and -51. A 45,900 square foot (sf) shelter (Sprung building) opened on May 17, 2021 and 50 temporary housing modular units were installed in the “Safe Camp,” which began operation January 2022. Phase 2 provides for construction of two restroom buildings adjacent to the Sprung building. Future phases would occur on APN 008-211-50 and include a 15,143 sf Intake Center and 18,175 sf Resource Center in Phase 3, a 3,583 sf Day Center, and a 3,937 sf General Administration building in Phase 4, up to 50 units of residential supportive housing in Phase 5, and future supportive housing to be provided by a non-profit housing developer in Phase 6. Other amenities will include a day use area, social worker support areas, and internet and broadband infrastructure. The Campus will employ about 175 people at buildout. The total estimated project cost that will be covered by HUD funds is approximately \$12,000,000 and the total project cost is approximately \$71,000,000.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Washoe County has determined that the activities proposed comprise a project that 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) which can be accessed online at the following website: [https://www.washoecounty.gov/homeless/Cares-Campus/Emergency\\_Shelter/program\\_construction\\_development.php](https://www.washoecounty.gov/homeless/Cares-Campus/Emergency_Shelter/program_construction_development.php). The ERR will also be

made available to the public for review at the Office of the County Manager Building A, 1001 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, Nevada 89512.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Washoe County via email to [Washoe311@washoecounty.gov](mailto:Washoe311@washoecounty.gov) Att: RROF Dwayne Smith. All comments received **NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM by March 10, 2023** will be considered by Washoe County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The County certifies to HUD that Dwayne Smith, Director of Community Services Department, in his capacity as Certifying Officer 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 to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County'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 Washoe County; (b) Washoe County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) Washoe County 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 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to US Department of Housing & Urban Development, Office of Community Planning & Development, Attn: RROF Processing, via email to [CPD\\_COVID-19OEE-SFO@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_COVID-19OEE-SFO@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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