

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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On or about February 3rd the Workforce Alliance of the North Bay (WANB) will submit a request to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Workforce Development Program funds under Public Laws 115-254 and 116-20 and allocated to the State of California by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter "HUD"). Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (hereinafter "CDBG-DR"), to undertake a project known as the Lake Wildfire Resilience Workforce Program. The project consists of the acquisition of a 140-acre project site in Lake County, California (Lake County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 003-040-28, 003-040-29, 003-042-14, 003-043-15) to serve as the homebase for the Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance (TERA). An existing residence and outbuildings would be used by TERA for administrative office space, storage, and as a training and gathering space for small groups. The project also includes the design and development of four ADA accessible parking spaces. The total estimated project cost is \$4,969,614, with \$4,706,721 funded by the CDBG-DR Workforce Development Program.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at 2751 Napa Valley Corporate Drive Building A, Napa CA 94599 of WANB's office where the ERR may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Taylor Swain at tswain@workforcealliancencnorthbay.org. All comments received by February 3rd will be considered by WANB prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

WANB certifies to HCD that Bruce Wilson in his capacity as Executive Director 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. HCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows WANB to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HCD will accept objections to its release of fund and WANB'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 WANB; (b) WANB 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 HCD; 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 HCD at 651 Bannon Street, Suite 700, Sacramento CA 95811. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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