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Dear Ms. Griego:

Subject: Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program
CALHB0575-14
December 15, 2015 to December 14, 2017

The California Department of Community Services and Development has completed the Tier I Environmental Review and is requesting the release of environmental conditions. Enclosed you will find each of the items checked below.

- ✓ Project abstract
- ✓ Determination of Exemption form for HUD funded projects per 24 CFR 58.34(a); Compliance documentation for other requirements cited at 24 CFR 58.6
- ✓ Rehabilitation Environmental Review (RER) form
- ✓ Program Target Area of Consideration map
- ✓ Floodplain Eight Step Process Compliance documentation. Step two (2) and Step seven (7) floodplain notices with Certificates of publication.
- ✓ Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds publication and certificate of publication
- ✓ Form HUD-7015.15 - Request for Release of Funds and Certification
- ✓ Delegation of Signature Authority (for HUD-7015.15) letter

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In an effort to assure the contact information in your files is accurate, and that the letter approving the environmental certification reaches all affected parties, we are providing you with the information below:

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Additionally, please note that Dorcas Reyes-Fernandez from my staff has received approved Part 58 environmental review training on March 25, 2015, provided by HUD to complete the Tier II project-level environmental reviews. Please let me know if you require additional information.

Sincerely yours,

LINNÉ STOUT
Director

Enclosures

cc: Shannon Steinbauer, HUD GTR
Karen Greigo, HUD OLHCHH Field Representative
Bill Nellis, HUD OLHCHH Grant Officer

Project Abstract

The California, Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) applied and was funded a Department of Housing and Urban Development's, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control (LBPHC) and Healthy Homes Supplemental Grant (CALHB0575-14) for Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of \$3.4 million for a 36-month grant program.

CSD administers over \$295 million annually in grants from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Energy, and other funding sources. CSD administers these funds through its network of approximately 72 Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to successfully perform residential weatherization and community services to low-income eligible households throughout California. For 22 years, CSD has continually administered the LBPHC Program. This program is designed to identify and control Lead-Based Paint hazards in eligible privately owned or owner occupied housing. To date, CSD has made 2,230 lead-safe housing units for eligible families in California. CSD's model for performing LBPHC services has been to form collaborations with its CBOs within the State to deliver lead hazard control services in counties where some of the highest number of children with elevated blood levels reside. The LBPHC CBOs include: Community Resource Project, Incorporated (Sacramento, Sutter and Yuba), Community Services and Employment Training, Sequoia Community Corps. (Tulare), Fresno County Economic Opportunity Commission (Fresno), Maravilla Foundation (Los Angeles County), and Redwood Community Action Agency (Humboldt).

For optimal service delivery, the LBPHC is leveraged with the federally funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (DOE-WAP). Three of the CBOs have provided lead hazard control services since 1992 and have fully certified staff to begin work immediately. To ensure that CSD's newest LBPHC provider CSET, Sequoia Community Corps is ready to begin performing Lead services and that designated staff is lead certified, CSD will coordinate training through a State-accredited Lead related construction trainer approved by HUD to provide LBPHC certifications. CSD will coordinate peer-to-peer training with Maravilla Foundation to assist with developing an in-house LBPHC Program.

The CBOs primary role will be to provide program support and direct hazard control services including, but not limited to: community outreach and education, unit enrollment, environmental reviews, Lead-based paint inspections/risk assessments, project design, relocation of clients, Lead hazard control intervention work, and arranging for clearances by an independent third-party inspector. The CBOs will continue to build relationships with their local housing and health departments to coordinate LBPHC with rehabilitation services, develop a referral system of at-risk units, and expand a local certified workforce.

Through this Grant, CSD intends to prevent childhood lead poisoning for at least 195 target age children. Referrals will be received from partnerships from the local health departments' Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs (CLPPP), the local housing Departments' rehabilitation programs to include Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, CALHome, and other local rehabilitation programs. Referrals will be received from the

Weatherization Programs when the units are pre-1978 with deteriorated lead based paint and occupied with target aged children, the CLPPP when children have elevated blood lead levels and live in pre-1978 units, and from the local housing department when the units require abatement/interim controls. The CBOs will conduct paint inspections, develop project design on 195 units, and perform lead hazard control work to clearance on 195 units.

CSD is a current LBPHC grantee under the CALHB0533-12 (June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2015) (Round 18), and has been a prior LBPHC grantee under the following grant awards:

- **Round 1** – CALAG0002-93
5/1/1993 – 4/1/1996

- **Round 3** - CALAG0032-95
2/1/1995 – 8/1/1999

- **Round 7** - CALHB0128-99
2/1/2000 – 7/1/2002

- **Round 11** - CALHB0266-04
10/1/2004 – 3/31/08

- **Round 13** - CALHB0318-06
11/1/06 – 10/31/09

- **Round 15** – CALHB0411-08
11/1/08 – 12/31/11

This application includes a request of Healthy Homes Supplemental funds in the amount of \$400,000. CSD will utilize four of its network of LBPHC CBOs to identify and remediate housing related health hazards identified using the Healthy Homes Rating System. The CBOs that will administer this funding include: Community Resource Project (Sacramento, Yuba, and Sutter Counties), Fresno Economic Opportunity Commission (Fresno County), Maravilla Foundation (Los Angeles County), and Redwood Community Action Agency (Humboldt County). These CBOs will layer this funding with the LBPHC, weatherization programs, and other rehabilitation programs to maximize services to low-income households. CSD is proposing to use the healthy homes funds to address housing-related health and safety hazards, such as: falls and fire hazards, food safety, dampness, mold, mildew, volatile organic compounds, and domestic hygiene in an effort to reduce the effects of asthma related illnesses and hospital room visits for low-income clients in six counties. The CBOs will utilize their network of resources to provide referrals to clients when necessary to respond and address identified hazards. The CBOs will be responsible to conduct assessments of housing units, develop scopes of work, remediate identified healthy home hazards, reevaluate completed work, report outcomes, attend training, perform limited outreach and education, and conduct additional testing if required. CSD intends to assess every LBPHC unit using the Healthy Homes Rating System.

Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (2014)
Determination of Exemption per 24 CFR 58.34(a)
and
Determination of CENST per 24 CFR 58.35(b)

Grantee Name: California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD)
Grant Number: CALHB0575-14
Grantee Address: 2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833
Project Description: CSD is partnering with five Community-Based Organizations to provide lead-based paint hazard reduction through interim controls, hazard abatement and health and safety hazard remediation services within seven counties: Fresno, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Tulare, Sacramento, Sutter and Yuba.
Funding Source(s): X Lead Hazard Control ___ Lead Hazard Reduction Demo X Healthy Homes Supplemental
Funding Amount(s): \$1,367,482

May be used to document compliance with "Exempt projects" at 24 CFR 58.34(a)
May be subject to provisions of Sec 58.6, as applicable

I hereby certify that the above detailed project has been reviewed and determined to be exempt from environmental review per 24 CFR 58.34(a) as follows (mark all that apply):

	1. Environmental and other studies, resource identification and the development of plans and strategies;
	2. Information and financial services;
X	3. Administrative and management activities;
X	4. Public services that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes, including but not limited to services concerned with (Sec 3) <i>employment</i> , crime prevention, child care, <i>health</i> , drug abuse, <i>education</i> , counseling, energy conservation and welfare or recreational needs;
X	5. Inspections and testing of properties for hazards or defects;
X	6. Purchase of insurance;
X	7. Purchase of tools;
X	8. Engineering or design costs;
X	9. Technical assistance and training;
	10. Assistance for temporary or permanent improvements that do not alter environmental conditions and are limited to protection, repair, or restoration activities necessary only to control or arrest the effects from disasters or imminent threats to public safety including those resulting from physical deterioration;
	11. Payment of principal and interest on loans made or obligations guaranteed by HUD;
	12. Any of the categorical exclusions listed in Sec. 58.35(a) provided that there are no circumstances that require compliance with any other Federal laws and authorities cited in Sec. 58.5.

If your project (in whole) or a specific activity fits into any of the above categories, a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) is not required. No further environmental release or approval from HUD is necessary for these activities. However, the Responsible Entity must still document in writing its compliance with and/or determine the applicability of "other requirements" per 24 CFR 58.6 (third page of this document).

By signing below, the Responsible Entity certifies, in writing, that each activity or project is exempt and meets the conditions specified for such exemption under section 24 CFR 58.34(a). Please send the original to the Program Environmental Clearance Officer and keep a copy of this determination in your program or project files.

Dorcas Reyes-Fernandez, Program Manager		April 13, 2015
Preparer Name and Title	Signature	Date
Linnè Stout, Director		April 13, 2015
Responsible Entity Official-Name/Title	Signature	Date

May be used to document compliance with "Categorically Excluded Not Subject To" (CENST) projects at 24 CFR 58.35(b)

NOTE: May be subject to provisions of Sec 58.6.

I hereby certify that some or all of the above detailed project/program has been reviewed and determined to be categorically excluded from environmental review per 24 CFR 58.35(b) as follows (mark all that apply):

	1. Supportive services including, but not limited to, health care, housing services, permanent housing placement, day care, nutritional services, short-term payments for rent/mortgage/utility costs, and assistance in gaining access to local, State, and Federal government benefits and services;
X	2. Operating costs including maintenance, security, operation, utilities, furnishings, equipment, supplies, staff training and recruitment and other incidental costs;
	3. Economic development activities, including but not limited to, equipment purchase, inventory financing, interest subsidy, operating expenses and similar costs not associated with construction or expansion of existing operations;

If your project (**in whole**) or a specific activity fits into any of the above categories, a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) is not required. No further environmental release or approval from HUD is necessary for these activities. However, the Responsible Entity must still document in writing its compliance with and/or determine the applicability of "other requirements" per 24 CFR 58.6 (second page of this document).

By signing below, the Responsible Entity certifies, in writing, that each activity or project is exempt and meets the conditions specified for such exemption under section 24 CFR 58.34(a). Please send the original to the Program Environmental Clearance Officer and keep a copy of this determination in your program or project files.

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LEVEL OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DETERMINATION: (2014)

***Note: Not applicable at the program environmental review (Tier 1) stage for OLVHCHH Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control or Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grants where compliance documentation for 24 CFR 58.6 provisions are required at the (Tier 2) project-level.**

Project Name / Description: Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program

CSD is partnering with five Community-Based Organizations to provide lead-based paint hazard reduction through interim controls, hazard abatement and health and safety hazard remediation services within seven counties: Fresno, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Tulare, Sacramento, Sutter and Yuba.

Level of Environmental Review (cite regulation):

Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34; Categorically excluded not subject to statutes per § 58.35(b); Categorically excluded subject to statutes per § 58.35(a); Environmental Assessment per § 58.36.

STATUTES and REGULATIONS listed at 24 CFR 58.6

FLOOD INSURANCE / FLOOD DISASTER PROTECTION ACT

1. Does the project involve the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of structures, buildings, or mobile homes?
() No; flood insurance is not required. The review of this factor is completed.

(X) Yes; continue.

2. Is the structure or part of the structure located in a FEMA designated Special Flood Hazard Area?

() No. Source Document (FEMA/FIRM floodplain zone designation, panel number, date):

(Factor review completed).

(X) Yes. Source Document (FEMA/FIRM floodplain zone designation, panel number, date):

A, AO, AH, A1-A-30, A99, V and V1-V30 (Continue review).

3. Is the community participating in the National Insurance Program (or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards)?

(X) Yes - Flood Insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program must be obtained and maintained for the economic life of the project, in the amount of the total project cost. A copy of the flood insurance policy declaration must be kept in the Environmental Review Record.

() No (Federal assistance may not be used in the Special Flood Hazards Area).

COASTAL BARRIERS RESOURCES ACT

1. Is the project located in a coastal barrier resource area? (See <http://www.fws.gov/cbra/>).

(X) No; Cite Source Documentation: Coastal Barrier Resource System Map

(This element is completed).

() Yes - Federal assistance may not be used in such an area.

AIRPORT RUNWAY CLEAR ZONES AND CLEAR ZONES DISCLOSURES

1. Does the project involve the sale or acquisition of existing property within a Civil Airport's Runway Clear Zone, Approach Protection Zone, or a Military Installation's Clear Zone?

(X) No; cite Source Document, page:

The project does not involve the sale or acquisition of existing property within a Civil Airport's Runway clear Zone or Military Installation's Clear Zone.

Project complies with 24 CFR 51.303(a)(3).

() Yes; Disclosure statement must be provided to buyer and a copy of the signed disclosure statement must be maintained in this Environmental Review Record.

Dorcas Reyes-Fernandez, Program Manager

April 13, 2015

Preparer Name and Title

Signature

Date

Linnè Stout, Director

April 13, 2015

Responsible Entity Official-Name/Title

Signature

Date

OLHCHH Rehabilitation Environmental Review (FY 2014)

This Rehabilitation Environmental Review (RER) tiered review worksheet [per 24CFR §58.15] may only be used for the environmental review of the rehabilitation (i.e., lead-based paint hazard control, healthy homes interventions) of existing residential structures [according to §58.35(a)(3)(i)] with or without the acquisition of the existing structure [according to §58.35(a)(5)]. It may not be used for projects involving changes in use or new construction activities. It may also be used for the rehabilitation of individual units in a multi-family structure, but not for the rehabilitation/acquisition of an entire multi-family building (>4 units), where using a Statutory Worksheet is recommended (consult OLHCHH Program Environmental Clearance Officer). **NOTE: Consult OLHCHH PECO should you wish to alter this recommended worksheet format.**

Grant ID, program/project name, description: (include maximum number of units to be remediated and maximum per-project grant/loan amounts)

California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD), CALHB0575-14 Grant, Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Supplemental Program. CSD is partnering with five Community-Based Organizations to provide lead-based paint hazard reduction through interim controls, hazard abatement and health and safety hazard remediation services within seven counties: Fresno, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Tulare, Sacramento, Sutter and Yuba. CSD will remediate 195 units with an estimated average cost of \$12,601 per project unit.

Period of Performance From: (month/year) December 2014 **To:** (month/year) December 2017 with the possibility of a one-year, no cost, extension if needed and approved by HUD.

Area of Consideration: (Define the geographic area from which applications for this program will be accepted. Attach a composite map showing target area and floodplains.)

Target areas consist of Fresno, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Tulare, Sacramento, Sutter and Yuba Counties.

Instructions: The Factors addressed in this RER, Tier I, apply to the entire program **area of consideration**. Prepare an RER worksheet **once for each program** that meets the criteria of rehabilitation/acquisition at §58.35(a)(3) &/or (5), and retain it in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). A new RER must be completed whenever there is a new Consolidated Plan, **LHC/LHRD/HHP award or changes in the area of consideration** or changes in the environmental conditions which could affect the program. Publish or disseminate a Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF) per §58.70, after completion of this RER. The NOI/RROF shall identify the issues to be addressed in the site-specific reviews (Appendix A) per §58.15. **Do not commit HUD funds to any specific projects before obtaining the Authority to Use Grant Funds** (HUD form 7015.15) for the program or before completing the site-specific **Appendix A**.

Site specific factors (including historic preservation, explosive/flammable operations, toxic substances, airport clear zones, flood insurance, coastal barriers) shall be addressed by completing an **Appendix A** after an individual application is received and **before approving any specific loan or grant**. A separate **Appendix A** shall be completed and maintained for each structure to document compliance with these laws and authorities. Appropriate mitigation of impacts shall be documented and carried out for each site. Documents supporting compliance shall be maintained in the ERR.

TARGET AREA – WIDE FACTORS

Floodplain Management

Is any part of the area of consideration located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA, i.e., area designated "A" or "V" Zone by FEMA)?

YES; complete Part I on page 2 of this worksheet.

NO; provide Source Documentation.

Source Documentation (FEMA FIRM panel number(s) and dates): _____

(The entire program is in compliance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management).

Coastal Zone Management

Is any part of the area of consideration within the Coastal Zone according to the local Coastal Commission, Planning Department or equivalent (if certified Local Coastal Plan)?

YES; complete Part II of this worksheet.

NO; provide Source Documentation.

Source Documentation: _____

NOTES: Ordinarily, the following laws/authorities listed at 24 CFR 58.5 are not invoked by housing rehabilitation projects: Executive Order 11990 Protection of Wetlands; Endangered Species Act, 16 USC 1531 et seq., as amended, particularly 16 USC 1536, 50 CFR 402; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, 16 U.S.C. 1271 et. seq., as amended [particularly Sections 7(b) and (c)]; Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq. as amended, particularly section 176(c) and (d), Farmland Protection Act, 7 CFR 658.3(c); Noise Abatement, 24 CFR 51.101(a)(2); Sole Source Aquifers, Memorandum of Agreement between HUD Region IX and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX, dated 4/30/90, and Executive Order 12898 Environmental Justice. However, should exceptional circumstances require compliance steps with any of these authorities, such compliance must be documented prior to committing funds for site-specific projects.

Part I FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT – Complete A. OR B.

A. As an alternative to completing the 8-step decision making process for floodplain management, the responsible entity may choose to revise the boundaries of the area of consideration to exclude the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA's) from the program area of consideration (i.e. target area). Properties within the excluded portions would then be ineligible for HUD-assisted acquisition/rehabilitation loans or grants under this program.

Is this the selected alternative? Yes No

If yes, attach the map identifying the target area of consideration boundaries, excluding SFHA's. OR

B. 1. Will this program ever involve any of the following activities within Special Flood Hazard Areas (FEMA 100 year floodplain): a) property acquisition, b) rehabilitation interventions of single family units costing more than 50% of the market value of the structure before rehabilitation, OR c) rehabilitation interventions of units in multifamily residential structures (>4 unit buildings)?

Yes, proceed.

No, compliance with Executive Order 11988 is established by program definition. (Complete # 4)

2. Before approving any rehabilitation acquisition loans or grants within a SFHA, comply with Executive Order 11988 by completing the 8-step-decision-making process for the entire area of consideration (i.e.,

program target area), according to 24 CFR §55.20, as applicable. **ATTACH A COPY OF THE COMPLETED 8-STEP PROCESS (including copies of all published notices). Proceed.**

3. Did completion of the 8-step process result in a determination that there is no practicable alternative to carrying out rehabilitation and/or acquisition of residential units within the Special Flood Hazard Area?

(X) Yes; proceed () No; proceed

4. Is the community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program?

(X) Yes; proceed () No; proceed

5. If answer to **either** questions #3 or #4 or both is **no**, loans and grants may **not** be approved within the Special Flood Hazard Area.

6. If answers to both questions #3 and #4 are **yes**, compliance review of this factor is complete. Rehabilitation activities in SFHAs may proceed subject to the implementation of mitigation measures identified in the 8 Step Process.

WARNING: The *Flood Disaster Protection Act* (listed at §58.6) additionally mandates the purchase of **flood insurance** for buildings located in SFHA's as a condition of approval for federal financial assistance. Flood insurance protection is mandatory for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair and improvement activities, *including lead-based paint hazard control and healthy homes interventions*. Responsible Entities with projects located in SFHA's are responsible for ensuring that flood insurance is maintained for the statutorily-prescribed period and dollar amount. In the case of grants, flood insurance must be maintained for the life of the building. In the case of loans, flood insurance must be maintained for the term of the loan. **A copy of the flood insurance Policy Declaration must be maintained in the Environmental Review Record.** The amount of flood insurance coverage must be at least equal to the total project cost (less the estimated land cost) or to the maximum limit of coverage made available by the NFIP Act.

Part II COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT (check if not applicable)

Complete this part if any part of the area of consideration is within the designated Coastal Zone.

1. Have all acquisition/rehabilitation activities under this program been found to be consistent with the applicable Coastal Zone Management Plan? (X) Yes () No

Source Documentation (attach permit or determination of consistency):

- a. If question #1 was answered "Yes", STOP HERE. Compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act is documented.
- b. If question #1 was answered "No", obtain the coastal zone permit or determination of consistency.

DO NOT APPROVE LOAN OR GRANT WITHIN THE COASTAL ZONE before obtaining requisite permit or determination.

Preparer Name and Title	Signature	Date
Dorcas Reyes-Fernandez, Program Manager		

Responsible Entity Official-Name/Title	Signature	Date
Linnè Stout, Director		

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NOTICE 1 (Step 2 Process)

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF PROPOSED ACTION LOCATED WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN

Newspaper: (newspaper name)

Publication Date: March 18, 2015

Address: 2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833, (916) 576-7187

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) is proposing to use federal funds under the HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program within a FEMA designated 100-year floodplain. The proposed program would involve remediation of lead-based paint, dust, soil, health and safety hazards and associated minor rehabilitation on residential properties within Fresno County, Humboldt County, Los Angeles County, Tulare County, Sacramento County, Sutter County and Yuba County. The target area(s) contain floodplains and project sites could be located within Flood Zones A, AO, AH, A1-A30, A99, V and V1-V30, as designated by the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

PROJECT:

Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program

CALHB0575-14

\$3,400,000

December 15, 2014 to December 14, 2017

PURPOSE:

CSD is partnering with five Community-Based Organizations for the purpose of preventing childhood lead poisoning by providing lead-based paint hazard reduction through interim controls, hazard abatement and health and safety hazard remediation services in existing low-income residential units. The focus will be on families with children under six years of age.

LOCATION: See target area description above.

All affected and interested agencies, groups, and persons are encouraged to participate in this decision-making process for the proposed action in the floodplain. Written comments for consideration by the CSD may be sent to Dorcas Reyes-Fernandez at the address listed above. Written comments should be received at the above address on or before April 2, 2015.

Information regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations concerning floodplain management may be obtained by contacting:

Karen M. Griego

Program Environmental Clearance Officer

Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

U.S. Department of HUD

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Albuquerque, NM 87103

Phone 505.346.6462 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

E-mail: karen.m.griego@hud.gov

NOTICE 2 (Step 7 Process)

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF ACTION LOCATED WITHIN FLOODPLAIN

Newspaper: **(newspaper name)**

Publication Date: April 3, 2015

Address: 2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite100, Sacramento, CA 95833, (916) 576-7187

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

A notice appeared in this newspaper on March 18, 2015, inviting participation in the floodplain management decision-making process. Specifically, we invited comments regarding a program being proposed by the California State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD).

PROGRAM:

Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program

CALHB0575-14

\$3,400,000

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PURPOSE:

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LOCATION:

Fresno County, Humboldt County, Los Angeles County, Tulare County, Sacramento County, Sutter County and Yuba County

CSD completed an evaluation concerning potential impacts on the floodplain and possible alternative actions. The proposed program could involve projects located within a 100-year floodplain. The conclusion was that there is no practicable alternative to the possibility of potential projects being located within the following Flood Zones A, AO, AH, A1-A30, A99, V and V1-V30. It has been determined that the program must occur within the intended target area/areas, as described above.

The alternatives considered included: 1) Funding the proposed program in other areas of the jurisdiction; 2) relocation of housing units and families; 3) no action.

These alternatives were rejected for the following reasons: 1) the greatest need for the intended program was found to be in the designated target area/areas and those units/families in need of the housing services exist in all areas of the target area/areas; 2) it is cost prohibitive and not feasible to physically move or raise structures out of the floodplain; 3) a no action alternative would certainly not serve to maintain affordable, safe (from lead-based paint or other housing-based health hazards as appropriate) housing for families.

In order to minimize risk and potential loss (to life, health, and financial investment), owners, and tenants will be notified that their units are located in the floodplain and flood insurance will be a required

contingency to participation in the grant program. The amount and period of coverage will conform to the National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the subject program has been made by the above-named jurisdiction which documents floodplain information and contains a full description of the proposed actions. The ERR is on file at the address listed above and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Final approval of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program will not be approved until/unless interested groups, individuals, or agencies have had an opportunity to comment. Comments will be accepted by Dorcas Reyes-Fernandez at the address listed above until April 13, 2015.

For further information regarding HUD's regulations concerning floodplain management contact:

Karen M. Griego

Program Environmental Clearance Officer

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NOTICE 3 - NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: April 3, 2015

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On or about April 13, 2015, the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program funds authorized by Sec. 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992), Public Law 102-550. The Healthy Homes supplemental funding is authorized under Section 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-2). Funding was approved and provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2014 (Public Law 113-76), for the following multi-year program/project: Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program, CALHBO575-14, for the purpose of preventing childhood lead poisoning by providing lead-based paint hazard reduction through interim controls, hazard abatement and health and safety hazard remediation services in existing low-income residential units. The focus will be on families with children under six years of age. CSD is partnering with five Community-Based Organizations to provide lead services in seven counties: Fresno County, Humboldt County, Los Angeles County, Tulare County, Sacramento County, Sutter County and Yuba County. CSD is requesting the release of \$3.4 million with a matching amount of \$300,000 for the grant period of December 15, 2014 through December 14, 2017.

The proposed hazard control and healthy homes activities to be funded under this program is categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58. In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target area(s) listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target areas have been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities have been established in this Tier 1 review: Floodplain Management, Coastal Barriers Resource Act, and Coastal Zone Management Act. In the Tiered 2 review, compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities will take place for proposed projects funded under the program(s) listed above: Historic Preservation, National Flood Insurance Program requirements, Explosive & Flammable Operations, toxics/hazardous materials. Should individual aggregate projects exceed the threshold for categorical exclusion detailed at §58.35(a), an Environmental Assessment will be completed and a separate Finding of No Significant Impact and Request for Release of Funds published. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, is on file at the CSD, 2389 Gateway Oaks Drive #100, Sacramento, CA 95833 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR at CSD. All comments received by April 13, 2015, will be considered by CSD prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

CSD certifies to HUD that Linné Stout in her official capacity as 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows CSD to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the CSD certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date (cited above) or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the CSD; (b) CSD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) CSD has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (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), and may be addressed to HUD as follows: Karen M. Griego, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 500 Gold Ave SW, Suite 7301, Albuquerque, NM 87103-0906. Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

Linné Stout
Director

Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087
(exp. 07/31/2017)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) Lead Based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Supplemental	2. HUD/State Identification Number CALHB0575-14	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14.900	5. Name and address of responsible entity Department of Community Services and Development 2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95833	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Dorcas Reyes-Fernandez, (916) 576-7187	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, OLHCHH 500 Gold Avenue SW, 7th Floor, Suite 7301 Albuquerque, NM 87103-906 ATTN: Karen Griego	<p>The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following</p>	
9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Supplemental	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Fresno County, Humboldt County, Los Angeles County, Tulare County, Sacramento County, Sutter County and Yuba County	

11. Program Activity/Project Description

The California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) is partnering with five Community-Based Organizations to provide lead-based paint hazard reduction through interim controls, hazard abatement and health and safety hazard remediation services within seven counties: Fresno, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Tulare, Sacramento, Sutter and Yuba. CSD will remediate 195 units with an estimated average cost of \$12,601 per project unit. The period of performance will be from December 2014 to December 2017 with the possibility of a one-year, no cost, extension if needed and approved by HUD.

Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

X

Title of Certifying Officer

Director

Date signed

April 13, 2015

Address of Certifying Officer

2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

X

Title of Authorized Officer

Date signed

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 26, 2015

Ms. Karen M. Griego
Healthy Homes Representative - Regions IX & X
Program Environmental Clearance Officer, HUD
Office of Lead Hazard Control & Healthy Homes
500 Gold Avenue SW, Suite 7301
Albuquerque, NM 87102

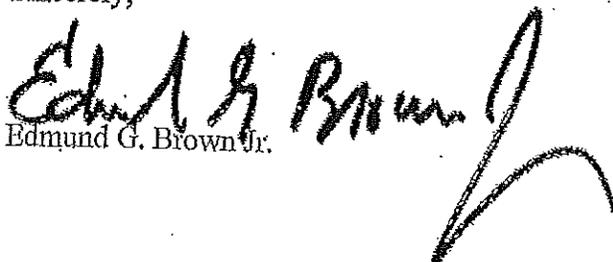
Dear Ms. Griego:

The California Department of Community Services and Development is a recipient of Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

I delegate signature authority to Linné K. Stout, Director of the State of California's Department of Community Services and Development, and her successor, to carry out the responsibilities of certifying officer as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, "Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibility." This regulation implements the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and related federal environmental laws and authorities cited in the regulations at subpart 58.5.

Further, as the substituted certifying official, the director has the authority to consent on my behalf to federal court jurisdiction and to bind the state to satisfy any judgment entered in federal court relating to the state's performance of environmental responsibilities under this regulation and related laws and authorities. The effective date of this delegation is immediate and shall run until revoked by me. The authority delegated is not subject to sub-delegation without my prior and express written consent.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.