

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

June 27, 2023

City of Porterville
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by City of Porterville.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **July 12, 2023**, the City of Porterville will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

PROJECT NAME: Multi Sports Field Improvement Project

PURPOSE: The proposed Project will include the development of a multi-sport complex, comprised of twelve 50-ft by 80-ft soccer fields, two 60-ft by 100-ft general purpose arenas, one baseball field, one challenge fitness course, restrooms and a storage building with bleachers, a parking lot, lighting, landscaping, and the associated improvements. Landscaping will be included upon construction completion. It is anticipated that sporting events will be held year-round with minimal closure time. The complex will be open and accessible 14 hours per day. Parking areas, lighting, sidewalks, and additional improvements are indicated in the Site Plan. Water, sewer, and waste pickup services are proposed to be obtained from the City of Porterville, with electricity provided by Southern California Edison. Project construction would consist of clearing existing vegetation, grading, installation of utility infrastructure, and construction of Project fields and buildings. Project construction is expected to begin 2023. The project has also been referred to as Porterville Heritage Complex.

LOCATION: The Project site is located in central Porterville, approximately 325 feet south of Olive Avenue and adjacent to the Rails to Trails Parkway, on the western boundary of the parcel. The site is approximately 11.61 acres on APN 261-140-024 in the Porterville USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The City of Porterville 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 Assessment (EA) on file at the City of Porterville Planning Department at 291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257. The ERR may be examined or copied between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except in the event of a holiday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Porterville Planning Department, Attention: Jason Ridenour at 291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257. All comments received at the address specified above on or before (date of notice plus 15 days) will be considered by the City of Porterville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Porterville certifies to the HUD San Francisco Regional Office that Jason Ridenour, Community Development Director, in his capacity as the City 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 City of Porterville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Porterville's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 City of Porterville; (b) the City of Porterville 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 U.S. Department of HUD, CPD Office, San Francisco Regional Office-Region IX, 1 Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104 and by email at RROFSFRO@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.