

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

March 14, 2024

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the University of California through its University of California, Riverside campus.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 1, 2024, the University of California through its University of California, Riverside (UCR) Campus will submit a request to HUD for the release of Economic Development Initiatives (EDIs) Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), to undertake a project known as the Opportunity to Advance Sustainability, Innovation and Social Inclusion (OASIS) Park for the purpose of providing a sustainability, innovation, and social inclusion hub within the City of Riverside's Innovation Corridor to build upon existing regional partnerships and connections with the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino and other community partners. The project is located at 1200 University Avenue and portions of 1150 and 1160 University Avenue in the City of Riverside within a five-acre site in the UCR West Campus. The existing on-site University Extension building, parking structure, surface parking, hardscape, and landscape are proposed to be demolished to allow for the development of a new, approximately 70,000-gross-square-foot building that would accommodate academic research and laboratory, offices, and academic instruction uses/assembly and exhibition spaces. The project also includes usable open space, multimodal circulation, a service area, and landscape and hardscape improvements. The total estimated project cost is approximately \$65 million, including the requested \$1,500,000 in funding from HUD.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The University of California 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 Review Record (ERR) on file at the UCR Planning, Design & Construction office located at 1223 University Avenue, Suite 240, Riverside, California 92507, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M. The ERR can also be accessed online at: <https://pdc.ucr.edu/environmental-planning-ceqa> or requested via email to CEQA@ucr.edu; please include "OASIS Park" in the email subject line.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to UCR Planning, Design & Construction via email at CEQA@ucr.edu or mailed to the following address:

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All comments received by March 29, 2024, will be considered by the University of California prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The University of California certifies to HUD that Dr. Kim A. Wilcox in their capacity as Chancellor of UCR 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 UCR to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the University of California'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 the University of California; (b) the University of California 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 via email to the HUD Los Angeles Office of Community Planning and Development at CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Los Angeles Office of Community Planning and Development via email at CPDLA@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Dr. Kim A. Wilcox, Chancellor