

Combined Notice

Finding of No Significant Impact

Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

City of Madras
Responsible Entity City/County

February 9, 2022
Date of Notice

125 SW "E" Street
Address

541-475-2344
Telephone Number

Madras, OR 97741
City/State/Zip

This Combined Notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Madras.

Request for Release of Funds

On or about February 28, 2022, the above-named entity will submit a request to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) for the release of federal Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake the project known as:

Project Title: Madras Homeless Services Center Construction

Purpose of nature/scope of project: Purchase a property and construct a year-round homeless services center. Construction of an approximately 3,800 square foot facility at the proposed purchase property site: 61 NW Oak Street, Madras. The facility will include shelter space for men and women, a kitchen for food preparation, a common area for congregating and for meal service, and an office and reception area. Showers will be included within the guest restrooms. Services will include cold and hot weather shelter, meals/food, access to hygiene and showers, case management, and access to medical, mental health, and alcohol and drug counseling services.

The facility will serve people experiencing homelessness within Jefferson County, outside of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (entitlement area). The Homeless Services Center will operate year-round. The Jefferson County Faith Based Network (JCFBN) will operate the proposed homeless services center and shelter as a "low barrier" facility, meaning there are no requirements for background checks, sobriety, mandatory participation in programs or religious activities.

Estimated funding: \$1,500,000 (Community Development Block Grant Funds); \$2,550,000 overall project cost.

Project Location: 61 NW Oak Street, Madras, OR 97741

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The City of Madras 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 above address and is available for public review/examination or can be copied weekdays 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM upon request.

Public Comments

Any individual group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Gus Burrell, who is responsible for receiving and responding to comments. Such written comments should be received at the above address on or before February 25, 2022. All such comments so received will be considered by the City of Madras prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

Release of Funds

The City of Madras certifies to OBDD that Richard Ladeby, in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is, upon its approval, the City of Madras may use the Grant funds, and OBDD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

Objections to Release of Funds

OBDD will accept objections to its Release of Funds and City of Madras certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or actual receipt of the request for release of funds (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 Madras.
- B. The City of Madras has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.
- C. The City of Madras has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by OBDD.
- 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 procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and shall be addressed to OBDD at 775 Summer Street NE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301-1280. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by OBDD.

Potential objectors should contact OBDD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. It is estimated that any objection received after March 18, 2022, will not be considered by OBDD.

Name of Certifying Officer: Richard Ladeby

Title: Madras Mayor

Address: 125 SW "E" Street, Madras, OR 97741