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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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California Department of Community  
Services and Development  
Lead Hazard Control Program  
700 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Room D215-A  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
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On or about July 16, 2009 the California 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 Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, Public Law 102-550, and funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008, Public Law 110-161 for the following multi-year program/project: Lead Hazard Control Program (LHCP), CALHB0411-08, for the purpose of preventing childhood lead poisoning. CSD is partnering with four community-based organizations to provide lead services in four counties: Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, Fresno County, excluding the City of Fresno; Redwood Community Action Agency, Humboldt County; Maravilla Foundation, Inc., Los Angeles County excluding the cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Pomona; and Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County, Inc., San Bernardino County. CSD is requesting the release of \$3 million of Federal assistance with a matching amount of \$627,256 for the grant period of April 15, 2009 through April 14, 2012.

The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this program(s) 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 areas 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 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 CSD, 700 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room D215-A, Sacramento, CA 95811 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to CSD. All comments received by July 16, 2009 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 Leisa Maestretti in her official capacity as Budget 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 CSD to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and 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 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: Edward Thomas, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, The Wanamaker Building, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3380. Potential objectors may contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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