

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

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

REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 5, 2024 the City of Alamosa will submit a request to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, under **Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended**, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: San Luis Valley Early Care and Learning Center

Purpose: The City of Alamosa is designated as an “Area of Perpetual Poverty” by the U.S. Census Bureau. Boys & Girls Clubs can be important for young people in poverty because they provide a safe place to learn and grow and offer programs that can help them reach their full potential. The City is presently experiencing a 33% unmet need for childcare. The proposed San Luis Valley Early Care and Learning Center is intended to help fulfill this need.

Location: The project is located at 1115 10th Street in Alamosa, Colorado, on Alamosa County Assessor parcel number 541309423017. The property consists of 2.25 acres located adjacent to the existing San Luis Valley Boys & Girls Club and will have a future address of 1107 Positive Place.

Estimated Cost: \$7,519,606.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Alamosa has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. An Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), therefore, is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Alamosa City Hall, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101 Development Services Office and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Alamosa City Hall. All comments received by December 4, 2024 will be considered by the City of Alamosa prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Alamosa certifies to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs that Ty Coleman in his capacity as Mayor 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. The Colorado Department of Local Affairs’ approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Alamosa to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Alamosa certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are made on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Alamosa; (b) the City of Alamosa has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 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 the approval of a release of funds by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs; 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to James Spiers, CDBG Program Manager, at james.spiers@state.co.us. Potential objectors should contact james.spiers@state.co.us to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ty Coleman, City of Alamosa Mayor