



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

August 9, 2026

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Salinas' (City's).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 28, 2026, the City's Housing Division will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (Entitlement) funds under 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 570 of the fiscal year (FY) 2022-23 Federal Entitlement CDBG (B-22-MC-06-0005), 2025-26 (B-25-MC-06-0005), and 2026-27 (B-26-MC-06-0005) to undertake a project known as the Chinatown Neighborhood Improvements Project (project) for the purpose of installing various infrastructure improvements.

These improvements include 1) street improvements, 2) sidewalk improvements, 3) streetlights improvements, 4) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb cut upgrades & ramps, and 5) miscellaneous as-needed infrastructure improvements to facilitate project activities identified under items 1) through 4).

The project is located in an approximately 28.4-acre area within the central portion of the City. The project area includes the City's historic Chinatown District. The project is located entirely within public rights-of-way (ROWs) of the following existing roadways (inclusive of sidewalks):

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| • Bridge Street | • Lake Alley | • Simas Street |
| • California Street | • Market Way | • Soledad Street |
| • Calle Cebu | • Monterey Street | • Sun Street |
| • Cherry Drive | • N. Main Street | • Sun Way |
| • E. Lake Street | • Peach Drive | • Tarp Street |
| • E. Market Street | • Rossi Alley | |
| • E. Rossi Street | • Sherwood Drive | |

The City plans to allocate CDBG program funds approved through its Annual Action Plans spanning Fiscal Years 2022-23 (B-22-MC-06-0005), 2025-26 (B-25-MC-06-0005), and 2026-27 (B-26-MC-06-0005). The allocations for the project under this Categorical Excluded Subject to Section 58.5 (CEST) Environmental Review Record (ERR) are \$878,797 in CDBG funds. This amount includes hard construction costs and activity delivery for the project.

Should there be a need for additional funds for the project, the City can increase funding by an additional 24.99% or \$219,611.00 in CDBG funds in conformity with the City's HUD approved Citizen Participation Plan dated May 16, 2023. This project may include up to \$500,000 in general funds. This could potentially bring the project's total allocated funds to \$1,598,408.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Salinas Community Development Department 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 City of Salinas Community Development Department located 65 W Alisal Street, 2nd Floor,



Salinas, CA 93901-2639 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M. The ERR can also be requested through mail. To receive a copy of the ERR by mail, please contact Josefina Aguilar, Sr. Community Development Analyst, at 831-758-7304 or by e-mail at housingwebmail@salinas.gov.

The ERR is also available online at the following websites: <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews> and <https://www.cityofsalinas.org/Newsroom/Public-Notices>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Salinas Community Development Department located 65 W Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901 or by email to housingwebmail@salinas.gov, include “Chinatown Neighborhood Improvements Environmental Review” in the subject line. All comments received by August 27, 2026, will be considered by the City of Salinas Community Development Department prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City’s Housing Division certifies to HUD that Rene Mendez, in his capacity as City Manager, 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’s Housing Division to use CDBG program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City’s Housing Division 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 City’s Housing Division; (b) the City’s Housing Division 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 HUD One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104 or email rofsfro@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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