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

December 14, 2020 – Pima County Department Community & Workforce Development

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Pima County Department Community & Workforce Development.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about December 30, 2020 the Pima County Department of Community & Workforce Development (CWD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds to undertake the project known as the Sahuarita Food Bank Expansion. The requested release is in the amount of $652,420.00 in CDBG funds to construct a new food distribution facility on the south portion of parcel 30349005B at 17750 S La Canada Dr, Sahuarita, AZ 85629.

Project is construction of a 14,330 square foot food bank facility expansion to serve Sahuarita, Green Valley, and the surrounding area. The current temporary regional facility, on the same parcel, serves low and moderate income persons but demand has risen significantly during the pandemic (demand has more than doubled) and facility is no longer adequate. The new facility will have enlarged and more demand-suitable intake, storage, processing, and distribution capabilities. Commercial cold and dry storage and commercial kitchen facilities will be installed. The facility will enable the Sahuarita Food Bank & Community Resource Center to better serve the expanding need in the area. The project development plan has been approved by the Town of Sahuarita.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
The Pima County Department Community & Workforce Development 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.

The Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this project is available at www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records found at this page under Arizona, Tucson, Sahuarita Food Bank Expansion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may email comments on the ERR to Joel Viers, Joel.Viers@pima.gov. All comments received on or before December 29, 2020 will be reviewed and considered by the Pima County Department of Community & Workforce Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Comments and responses will be posted on then HUD Environmental Review Record website at www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records.
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
The Pima County Department of Community & Workforce Development certifies to HUD that Daniel Tylutki in his capacity as Deputy Director of the Pima County Department of Community & Workforce Development 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 Pima County Department of Community & Workforce Development to use Program funds.

OBSERVATIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Pima County Department of Community & Workforce Development certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date of November 2, 2020 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 Pima County; (b) the RE 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to CPD San Francisco Field Office: RROFSFRO@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact RROFSFRO@hud.gov via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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Pima County Department of Community & Workforce Development