

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

October 5, 2025

City of Davis
Community Development Department
23 Russell Boulevard
Davis, CA 95616

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Davis.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 21, 2025, the City of Davis will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Community Project Funding (CPF) under Section 105(a)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Section 5305[a][2]), as amended, to undertake a project known as the South Davis Library Project (proposed project) in the City of Davis.

The approximately 1.70-acre project site is located east of the intersection of Lillard Drive and Cowell Boulevard within an urbanized area of the City of Davis, California, in the western portion of an existing grass sports field within Walnut Park. The site is identified by Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 069-460-055. Currently, the site is developed with an existing grass sports field with various trees located in the western portion of the project site. Surrounding existing uses include duplex and single-family residences to the north, across Lillard Drive; Walnut Park and Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School to the east; a playground, bike path, and single-family residences to the south; and Walnut Park tennis courts, Peregrine School, and an apartment complex to the west. The City of Davis General Plan designates the site as Parks/Recreation and the site is zoned Planned Development 12-87 (PD 12-87) with a subzone of Park.

The proposed project would include development of a 12,400-square-foot public library, which would consist of a library collection and reading space; a children's activity room; a staff support area; a community room; and various support spaces. Events at the library would be limited to public programs. The library would be single-story with a maximum building height of 24 feet. With respect to on-site amenities, the proposed project would include a focal garden, community terrace, and entry plaza. Access to the project site would be provided by a new driveway off Lillard Drive, which would connect to a new surface parking lot. The new parking lot would include 40 parking stalls, located in the northern portion of the project site, and would connect to the existing 65-stall Walnut Park parking lot. In addition, an accessible pedestrian path would connect the project site to the existing public sidewalk along Lillard Drive. The proposed project would also include an on-site covered bike storage area connected to the outdoor entry plaza, as well as a new bike path spur connecting Lillard Drive to the southern portion of the project site.

The total development cost is projected to be \$21,300,000, \$850,000 of which would be funded through HUD's EDI CPF.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Davis 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 (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. The Environmental Assessment (EA) and additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR), available on the City of Davis's website at:

<https://www.cityofdavis.org/city-hall/community-development/development-projects/south-davis-library>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the ERR may submit written comments to Eric Lee, City of Davis Senior Planner, via email at elee@cityofdavis.org. All comments received by October 21, 2025, will be considered by the City of Davis prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Davis certifies to HUD that Daryel Dunston, City Manager for the City of Davis, in his capacity as Certifying 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 the City to use EDI CPF funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to the Responsible Entity's (RE) Request of Release of Funds and Environment Certification for a period of 15 days following the submission date specified above or the actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the certifying officer of the RE; (b) the RE has omitted a step or fail to make a determination or finding required by HUD regulation at 24 CFR Part 58 or by CEQ regulation 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the RE has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement per 24 CFR subparts E,F or G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; (e) another Federal, State or local agency has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections to the release of EDI CPF funds must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be emailed to the HUD grant administration office at: rrofsfro@hud.gov or SanFranciscoCPF@hud.gov and/or mailed to the HUD grant administration office at One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, California 94104. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email at rrofsfro@hud.gov or SanFranciscoCPF@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Daryel Dunston
City Manager
City of Davis
NEPA Certifying Officer