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

April 14, 2023
Village of El Portal
500 NE 87th Street
El Portal, FL 33138
305-795-7880

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Village of El Portal.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 5, 2023 the Village of El Portal will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as El Portal Police Station Hardening Project for the purpose of hardening the police station by installing impact windows, replacing the air-conditioning unit, and installing a 22kW natural gas generator in order to protect the police station from major storms and to allow it to be operational during and after a storm; The project estimated total funding is \$50,080. The project location is 500 NE 87th St, Miami, FL 33138.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Village of El Portal 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 El Portal Village Hall Office of the Village Manager 500 NE 87th St, El Portal, FL 33138, and may be examined or copied Monday through Friday 8:30 am–4:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the Village Manager via USPS to 500 NE 87th St, El Portal, FL 33138 Att: Village Manager or by email to villagemanager@villageofelportal.org. All comments received by May 5th, 2023, will be considered by the Village of El Portal prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Village of El Portal certifies to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity that Christia E. Alou, Esq. in her capacity as Village 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. Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Village of El Portal to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will accept objections to its release of fund and the Village of El Portal's 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 Village of El Portal; (b) the Village of El Portal 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 Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; 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 Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Office of Long Term Resiliency at 107 E Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399. Potential objectors should contact Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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