

**OREGON FOOD BANK – SOUTHEAST OREGON SERVICES – ONTARIO COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER
COMBINED NOTICE FOR FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
February 24, 2025**

This Combined Notice satisfies both requirements for the Oregon Food Bank – Southeast Oregon Services’ Ontario Community Food Center project including 1) the Finding of No Significant Impact and 2) the Notice of Intent to Request the Release of Funds for the project.

Project Title: Ontario Community Food Center

Purpose and Need for Project: This project's purpose is to address the food needs of the community by increasing food availability for families and individuals with food insecurity. This facility will become a focal point for food preparation, service and storage in the area. This project is needed for this area to address the hunger issue for this community.

Scope of Project: The Oregon Food Bank – Southeast Oregon Service (OFB-SOS) and its partners plan to build a mixed-use facility containing a warehouse, an on-site pantry, and a Community Food Center with a kitchen facility. The new 10,050 square foot facility will be located at 952 Fortner St, Ontario OR. Currently there is an existing structure which will be demolished for the current project. The new structure is planned with two sections which will be connected. The first section is the communal, 1,810 square feet section which will service the Ontario Community Food Center (OCFC). This section will contain a 500 square foot kitchen with pantry storage and flexible spaces for communal events or other needs of the OCFC. The second section of this building will be the warehouse portion, 8,240 square feet, which will have dry food storage in addition to an approximate 1,000 square foot freezer unit and an approximate 800 square foot cooler unit. Oregon Food Bank Southeast Oregon Services (OFB-SOS) and OCFC will utilize this warehouse for all the storage utilities.

Estimated Funding: Total project costs are estimated to be \$7,100,000, with all the funds coming from the HUD program – Community Project Funding (CPF).

Responsible Entity:

Dan Cummings
City of Ontario
444 SW 4th Street
Ontario, Oregon, 97914
541-881-3201

Finding of No Significant Impact

The OFB-SOS 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 on file and is available for public review at the Ontario City Hall, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., upon request.

Request for Release of Funds

On or about March 11, 2025, OFB-SOS will submit a request to HUD for the release of federal CPF funds to the grant reference number B-23-CP-OR-1219, to undertake the referenced project. OFB-SOS, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an enforcement action is brought in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that, upon approval by HUD, the OFB-SOS may use the grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the entity responsible for the project, Danny Faccinetti, Director. Comments must be received at the above address on or before March 11, 2025A. All such comments received will be considered by OFB-SOS prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

HUD will accept objections to its Release of Funds and will hold certification of the project for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or actual receipt of the Request for Release of Funds (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases:

- A. The certification was not executed by the certifying officer for OFB-SOS.
- B. OFB-SOS has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations, 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 58.
- C. OFB-SOS has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a Release of Funds by HUD.
- 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 procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD, 541 Seventh Street, SW Washington, DC 20410. Objections to the Release of Funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD.