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Comments to HCED Agenda No. 3 CFI 10-1451 CRA Northeast Los Angeles Collaborative Project

Acceptance of this grant should be refused.

You cannot have two lead agencies on the California Environmental Quality Act documentation for this area, and we have seen only the Comfields Arroyo Seco Specific Plan CASP in its early CEQA outreach not the Northeast Los Angeles River Corridor Study Area. We cannot locate any documentation in the state CEQA database.

Either City of Los Angeles Department of Planning or the Community Redevelopment Agency is a lead agency, not both per Public Resource Code Sections 21080.1, 21154 and 21167.2.

Accordingly, you should not apply and accept federal funding for this grant without accepting responsibility for the entire project.

This is the description off the website:

“HUD’s \$40 million Community Challenge Planning Grant Program will foster reform and reduce barriers to achieving affordable, economically vital, and sustainable communities. Such efforts may include amending or replacing local master plans, zoning codes, and building codes on a jurisdiction wide basis or in a specific neighborhood, district, corridor, or sector to promote mixed-use development, affordable housing, the reuse of older buildings and structures for new purposes, and similar activities with the goal of promoting sustainability at the local or neighborhood level. HUD’s Community Challenge Planning Grant Program also supports the development of affordable housing through the development and adoption of inclusionary zoning ordinances and other activities such as acquisition of land for affordable housing projects.”

The Redevelopment Agency is not the agency for local master plans, zoning codes or building codes.

The area is not yet a redevelopment area, and you have bypassed any Citizen Participation to those who reside in the qualified census tract area or those who are affected by this project.

There appears to be no Community Development Department involvement or oversight by the Commission for Community and Family Services.

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