

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

September 23, 2026
City of Fort Bragg
416 N Franklin Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
707-961-2823

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 1, 2026, the City of Fort Bragg will submit a request to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the release of \$3,300,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the City-Wide Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project for the purpose of removing and replacing deteriorated sidewalk segments across the City, addressing long-standing safety, accessibility, and aesthetic concerns. The project scope combines locations identified in the 2022 system-wide sidewalk inventory conducted by Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC)—which documented approximately \$1.2 million in removal and replacement (R&R) needs—with additional segments identified through recent infrastructure assessments. The total estimated cost is approximately \$3.3 million.

Unlike PCC's annual maintenance concrete shaving contracts, which address minor surface lifts, this project targets full-depth removal and replacement (R&R) locations that cannot be addressed through routine maintenance strategies. The combined scope represents a system-wide rehabilitation effort that would restore safe pedestrian access and improve the visual integrity of the City's public infrastructure.

Complete plans and specifications were prepared by the City's On-Call engineering services team, Lumos & Associates. Following contract execution with HCD, the City will procure (through CDBG-compliant processes) a General Contractor to complete citywide sidewalk R&R and a professional service provider to assist with Construction Management Services. City staff will oversee project management and administer the grant. The project is expected to be completed approximately 6 months after contract execution; the CDBG expenditure period of two years and nine months provides more than sufficient time to complete the project.

The City-wide sidewalk rehabilitation project includes comprehensive preventive maintenance operations throughout the City of Fort Bragg, including asphalt pavement patching, Portland cement concrete improvements, pavement markings, traffic control, and public relations activities. Specifically, this project will focus on replacing sections of asphalt and concrete within the city right-of-way that are beyond repair and in need of full-depth replacement. Ground disturbance depths will vary by location, with an anticipated depth of 6 to 12 inches for concrete improvements and 12 to 36 inches for pavement restoration. All construction activities will be confined entirely to previously disturbed areas within the improved city right-of-way.

This project has an Economic Development nexus, as improved pedestrian infrastructure supports commercial activity, enhances access to local businesses, and contributes to a livable, walkable community.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Fort Bragg City Hall, 416 N Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M, excluding Wednesdays and City-recognized holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City Clerk at the address above, or by email at cityclerk@fortbraggca.gov. All comments received by September 30, 2026 will be considered by the City of Fort Bragg prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Fort Bragg certifies to HCD that Isaac Whippy in his capacity as City 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. HCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Fort Bragg to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HCD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Fort Bragg'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 City of Fort Bragg; (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 HCD; 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 nepacomments@hcd.ca.gov. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Isaac Whippy, City Manager