

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY
PROGRAM**

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

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of New York.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 27, 2023, the City of New York ("the City") will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for the release of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") funds authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-180) to undertake an activity known as the Hope Gardens Groups A-E CDBG-DR Storm Resiliency project to implement flood resiliency measures at two affordable housing complexes in Bushwick, Brooklyn.

Through this project, the City proposes to award funds to the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA"), which will loan the grant funds to Hope Gardens I LLC and Bushwick II LLC (collectively, the "Developer") to address urgent flooding conditions at Hope Gardens Groups A-E, which collectively consist of 55 buildings comprising 876 affordable units and community facility spaces, spread throughout a square-mile in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn ("the Project Site"). The proposed project seeks to relocate the buildings' vulnerable critical infrastructure above flood elevations. Specifically, the scope of work includes installing seventeen (17) new centralized exterior mechanical facilities across Groups A-D and relocating utilities to the roofs for Group E. The new mechanical facilities would be constructed above grade with new equipment to provide heat and hot water for the surrounding residential buildings. All flood-prone equipment in the basements would be removed, and all building-critical infrastructure would be moved to the new centralized mechanical facilities or on building roofs, allowing the properties to stay online in future extreme flooding events ("The Proposed Project"). The mechanical facilities would be placed throughout the Project Site, with many serving multiple residential buildings, protecting from storm events, and providing critical redundancy in case of equipment failure.

Collectively, the Project Site addresses are as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E
580 Central Avenue	400 Central Avenue	251 Central Avenue	375 Central Avenue	524 Knickerbocker Avenue
85 Covert Street	440 Central Avenue	269 Central Avenue	399 Central Avenue	550 Knickerbocker Avenue
75 Covert Street	415 Evergreen Avenue	289 Central Avenue	1300 Gates Avenue	319 Wilson Avenue
155 Eldert Street	431 Evergreen Avenue	139 Harman Street	1320 Gates Avenue	339 Wilson Avenue
595 Evergreen Avenue	1201 Gates Avenue	140 Harman Street	161 Palmetto Street	357 Wilson Avenue
615 Evergreen Avenue	1210 Gates Avenue	190 Harman Street	170 Palmetto Street	
670 Evergreen Avenue	95 Palmetto Street	140 Himrod Street	180 Palmetto Street	
690 Evergreen Avenue	105 Palmetto Street	160 Himrod Street	190 Palmetto Street	
	125 Palmetto Street	1229 Greene Avenue	200 Palmetto Street	
	143 Palmetto Street	1240 Greene Avenue	210 Palmetto Street	
	1230 Gates Avenue	1259 Greene Avenue	390 Wilson Avenue	
	1240 Gates Avenue	1280 Greene Avenue	191 Woodbine Street	
	1260 Gates Avenue	250 Wilson Avenue		
		270 Wilson Avenue		

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The New York City Mayor’s Office of Management and Budget is the Responsible Entity for this project and 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Julie Freeman, Senior Assistant Director, New York City Office of Management and Budget, at 255 Greenwich Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10007, or by email to CDBGComments@omb.nyc.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the NYC OMB at the above address or via email to CDBGComments@omb.nyc.gov. All comments received by November 26, 2023, will be considered by NYC OMB prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

NYC OMB certifies to HUD that the City and Julie Freeman, in her capacity as Certifying Officer of the City’s Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program, 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 of New York to use CDBG-DR Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and NYC OMB's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 NYC OMB; (b) NYC OMB 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 HUD; 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 CPDRROFNyc@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

City of New York: Eric Adams, Mayor
Jacques Jiha, Ph.D., Director, NYC OMB
Julie Freeman, Certifying Officer, NYC OMB

Date: November 10, 2023