

**CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (HPD)
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB)**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

On July 19, 2013, the New York City Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as the Responsible Entity (RE) for environmental reviews conducted under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR) Program, issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Tier I Environmental Broad Review for Multi-family Buildings. The Tier I environmental review contemplated resiliency activities to restore storm-damaged Multi-Family homes through rehabilitation, mitigation, and resiliency measures within Hurricane Sandy-damaged residential neighborhoods located in the boroughs of Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island. Assistance is targeted to 1) multi-family buildings with 5 or more units and 2) 3-4 unit buildings that are not owner-occupied.

Funding from the CDBG-DR program would be used to serve a wide range of housing types, including market-rate properties, Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted properties, permanent housing for the homeless, and private market units receiving project-based assistance or with tenants that participate in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. These CDBG-DR funds would be used for the following activities:

- Rehabilitation and new build supportive housing projects including on-site supportive services serving chronically homeless individuals with special needs;
- Conversion of damaged nursing homes, rooming houses, and other facilities to supportive housing; and
- Rehabilitation and retrofit of existing affordable housing developments, including HUD-assisted housing (Section 202 senior housing, Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects, and State Mitchell-Lama program developments).

Subsequent to its issuance of the July 19, 2013 FONSI, a new activity – the reimbursement of costs incurred in the aftermath of Sandy for multifamily building owners through the Build It Back Multifamily Buildings Program – was added to the project by OMB in coordination with and the Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD).

With the new HUD allowance to include homeowner reimbursement activities, the City re-evaluated activities described in the July 19, 2013 FONSI. The City has subsequently determined that the FONSI remains valid with the addition of reimbursement activities as each proposed project will be subject to the same site-specific scale of environmental review as the program's rehabilitation activities. All environmental factors determined to be in compliance at

the Tier I level are still valid. A Tier II Site-Specific Review will be conducted for applicable properties as outlined in the Tier I Environmental Review.

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The City has determined that the proposed project activities on a broad scale would not have a significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record on file with Mr. Calvin Johnson, Assistant Director, New York City Office of Management and Budget, 255 Greenwich Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10007 and may be examined weekdays 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M or using the following link <http://www.nyc.gov/html/housingrecov> and then clicking on “Public Notices”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agencies disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to OMB to the above address or submitted via email to CDBGDR-enviro@omb.nyc.gov. All comments received by February 14, 2014 will be considered.

City of New York, Office of Management and Budget, Dean Fuleihan, Director
Date: Friday, February 07, 2014