

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR NYC BUILD IT BACK
SINGLE FAMILY HOUSES (1 TO 4 UNITS)**

City of New York Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program

The New York City Office of Management and Budget (NYCOMB) is the Responsible Entity for environmental reviews conducted with funds allocated through the US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the City's Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program to support Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. The NYC Build It Back: Single Family Houses (1 to 4 Units) program (NYC Houses) will distribute \$306,000,000 to specifically address unmet housing needs associated with damages to owner-occupied and year round tenant-occupied homes located across the City's five boroughs. NYC Houses will serve eligible project beneficiaries by providing various assistance types for owners of residential homes that fall into one of the following three categories of damage to housing:

- Reconstruction: Residential property that has been destroyed or is not practical to rehabilitate;
- Major Rehabilitation: Residential property that is not destroyed but has substantial damage as assessed by the NYC Houses program; and
- Moderate Rehabilitation: Residential property that was damaged, but is not destroyed and does not have substantial damage as determined by the NYC Houses program.

Reconstruction activities will largely include demolition of the original storm-damaged unit, site preparation, elevation as required, and reconstruction of a single family dwelling (up to 4 units for owner-occupied rental properties). Major and moderate rehabilitation activities may include: repair or replacement of structure elements such as roof, windows and doors, sheetrock, plumbing and electrical fixtures, mechanicals, upgrades to meet code requirements. Rehabilitation may also involve elevation, energy efficiency, storm mitigation or flood proofing and other resiliency measures.

On July 30, 2013, HUD issued guidance that additionally allows for reimbursements to eligible property owners who incurred and documented expenses to demolish, replace or repair their homes in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and before the NYC CDBG-DR program award.

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Through a tiered Environmental Broad Review process for NYC Houses, the City determined that proposed project activities on a broad scale would not have a significant impact on the environment given the subsequent site-specific scale of environmental review to be performed prior to commencing recovery activities that ensure the implementation of any required environmental mitigation measures. The City's Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for NYC Houses was published in NYC on June 28, 2013 combined with a Notice of Intent to Release Funds and therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 was not required. No comments or objections were received from the public.

With the new HUD allowance to include homeowner reimbursement activities through NYC Houses, the City re-evaluated activities described in the June 28, 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 reconstruction and rehabilitation activities.

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, 8thFloor, New York, NY 10007 and may be examined or copied weekdays 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. This posting can be found by using the following link <http://www.nyc.gov/builditback> and then clicking on "Reports and 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 NYCOMB. Comments must be received in writing by mail to the above address or submitted via email to CDBGDR-Enviro@omb.nyc.gov. The minimum 7 day calendar comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 8th day after publication. All comments received by November 2, 2013 will be considered.

City of New York, Office of Management and Budget, Mark Page, Director

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