

# THE CITY OF NEW YORK - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET 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 New-York Historical Society ("N-YHS").

## REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 29, 2024, the City of New York ("the City") will submit, on behalf of N-YHS, a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for the release of Community Project Funding ("CPF") funds authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) to undertake an activity known as the New-York Historical Society Addition and Renovation project.

Through this project, N-YHS proposes to use \$3 million in federally-appropriated CPF funds, administered by HUD, for certain architectural and design costs ("soft costs") as part of the overall \$175 million New-York Historical Society Addition and Renovation Project, which will renovate and expand N-YHS's existing facility located at 170 Central Park West (Block 1129, Lot 29) in Manhattan's Upper West Side and Community District 7.

Founded in 1804, N-YHS is New York's first museum and a nationally renowned research library. Its holdings include over 14 million objects relating to the founding of our country and the history of its people. N-YHS plans to construct an addition and renovate certain interior spaces of the existing building. The Proposed Project consists of:

- Constructing an approximately 26,000-gross-square-foot, three-story addition with a cellar on an undeveloped service yard adjacent to the existing N-YHS building;
- Modifying the loading/freight operations housed in the west bay of the existing N-YHS building on West 76th Street to improve the functionality of materials movement;
- The partial demolition and renovation of the existing 15-story New Stack Tower, which was constructed in 1937-1938. The Proposed Project would demolish four lower levels of the tower and replace them with one floor that would align with the floor slabs of the existing N-YHS building to the east and the new addition to the west; and
- Other interior renovations include providing additional office and gallery spaces and improving circulation to restroom facilities and support spaces.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:CDBGComments@omb.nyc.gov). All comments received by January 27, 2024, 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, 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 New-York Historical Society to use CPF 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 [CPDRROFNYP@hud.gov](mailto:CPDRROFNYP@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Julie Freeman, Certifying Officer, NYC OMB  
Date: January 12, 2024