

CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (NYCOMB)
COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF)
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 27, 2026, the City of New York (the City) anticipates submitting, on behalf of the Brooklyn Museum, 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, 2022 (Public Law 117-103) to undertake an activity known as the Brooklyn Museum – African Art Galleries project. The Brooklyn Museum proposes to use \$1,500,000 in federally-appropriated CPF funds, administered by HUD, as part of the overall \$15,000,000 renovation project. An additional \$1,500,000 in federally-appropriated CPF funds, used for design and pre-development work for this project, was previously released in July of 2023.

The proposed project site is located at 200 Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, NY. The proposed project would involve the development of a permanent gallery for the Museum’s vast African art collection, which features approximately 4,500 works spanning from 200 C.E. to today. The project would transform two large rooms, currently used for storage on the museum’s third floor, into a 6,150 square foot gallery space. The proposed African Art Gallery would connect to the Museum’s existing Egyptian Art Gallery, centering Egyptian Art in the context of the African continent. The proposed project would be limited to interior renovations and would not involve ground disturbance.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION SUBJECT TO SECTION 58.35

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.35 of the HUD Environmental Review Procedures for HUD funded activities, the implementation of the African Art Galleries project renovation project, in Brooklyn, New York, has been determined to be categorically excluded from the Environmental Assessment requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The project involves improvements at a non-residential structure in which facilities and improvements are in place and will not be changed in size or capacity more than 20 percent. Further, the project would not involve a change in land use. 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 Juliet Jacobs, Unit Head – Environmental (CD), 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 NYCOMB at the above address and email. All comments received by April 24, 2026, will be considered by NYCOMB prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Those wishing to comment should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

NYCOMB certifies to HUD that the City and Juliet Jacobs, 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 Brooklyn Museum to use CPF Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and NYCOMB’s certification for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of NYCOMB; (b) NYCOMB 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs 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. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

City of New York Zohran Mamdani, Mayor
 Sherif Soliman, Director of Management and Budget

Date: April 17, 2026