

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

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

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On or about December 30, 2024, the City of New York ("the City") will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds authorized under the Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-180), to undertake a project known as NYCHA Green Infrastructure for the purpose of managing stormwater runoff across seventeen (17) New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA")-owned developments. The funds will be requested for three (3) of these sites (GI Sites):

1. Ocean Hill Apartments
2. Stuyvesant Gardens I
3. Stuyvesant Gardens II

These three (3) sites are also a part of the NYCHA preservation initiative: Permanent Affordability Housing Together ("PACT") program. Through PACT, NYCHA intends to submit application(s) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for the disposition of public housing property, including Ocean Hill Apartments, Stuyvesant Gardens I and II, as authorized under Section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 as amended and implementing regulations at 24 C.F.R. Part 970 ("Section 18"), the Rental Assistance Demonstration ("RAD") created by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-55) and the corresponding Notice H 2019-09 PIH 2019-23 (September 5, 2019). The City of New York acting through the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development ("NYC HPD") is serving as the Responsible Entity ("RE") for NYCHA pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") 24 C.F.R. Part 58. Approval of the disposition and conversion of public housing property will facilitate the PACT program and the rehabilitation and preservation of such housing as long-term, project-based Section 8 assisted housing. NYCHA will convey the (3) sites through a ground lease to Bed Stuy Collective LLC, a joint entity consisting of Kalel Companies and Dantes Partners. There is a separate public notice available for review and to issue comments on the PACT project at the HPD website: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/environmental-review.page>.

The City proposes to award \$3,502,998.48 in CDBG-DR funds to NYCHA, which will procure a contractor to install green infrastructure at the GI Sites as part of the NYCHA Green Infrastructure project. The GI Sites will include a total of four (4) assets. These include sub-surface slow-release detention chambers, which will temporarily store rainwater below ground and then release it slowly into the combined sewer after the storm has passed and capacity has returned, and retention chambers, which are designed to collect rain and channel it to below-ground natural aquifers.

The green infrastructure practices in this project are all located in parking lots or other open spaces on NYCHA properties. Excavation is required to install subsurface chambers and reconstruct catch basins and outlet control structures that are reconnected to existing sewer pipes. Once installation and reconstruction are complete, the area will be backfilled, resurfaced, and restored to its pre-existing condition; features at or above ground level will be replaced in kind. For each green infrastructure practice, the sewer's capacity is fixed.

The primary addresses of the of the GI Sites locations include:

**Ocean Hill Apartments** – 30 Mother Gaston Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11233

**Stuyvesant Gardens I** – 835 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221

**Stuyvesant Gardens II** – 150 Malcolm X Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11221

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project 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 New York City Office of Management and Budget (NYC OMB) at the above address or via email to [CDBGComments@omb.nyc.gov](mailto:CDBGComments@omb.nyc.gov). All comments received by December 27, 2024, will be considered by NYC OMB prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

NYC OMB certifies to HUD that the City and Julie Freeman, in her capacity as Certifying Officer of the City's CDBG-DR 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 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 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](mailto: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: December 19, 2024