

Finding of No Significant Impact

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

Date: May 4, 2015

The City of New York - Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) intends to undertake the following new construction project funded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME Program). The project is described at the bottom of this notice.

HPD has determined that the environmental review record for the project identified below complies with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 58 of HUD Environmental Review regulations. Written notice providing environmental clearance will be required prior to the removal of the limitation on commitment of federal funding in accordance with the regulations found at 24 CFR 58.22.

The HOME Program in New York City is administered by HPD. An environmental review record was established for each new construction project and is maintained on file at HPD's Office of Development, located at 100 Gold Street, New York, New York 10038. A project's environmental assessment (EA) may be obtained from HPD. Requests for project-specific EAs may be sent to nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov.

It has been determined that the project described below would not constitute actions significantly affecting the quality of the environment and, accordingly HPD has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The reasons for the decision not to prepare EISs are as follows:

1. There are no significant adverse physical impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with the project.
2. There are no significant adverse social impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with the project.
3. There are no significant adverse economic impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with the project.

The City of New York has certified to HUD in its Request for Release of Funds that the City and HPD's Commissioner, in her official capacity as certifying officer for HOME Program funds, consents to accept jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HPD has certified that a site-specific environmental review for the project described below has been completed. The environmental review was conducted prior to any obligation of funds.

Comments or objections to the obligation of HOME Program funds to the project identified below must be submitted to HPD no later than 18 days from the date of this notice. Comments should be submitted electronically to nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov. No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.

Melrose Commons Supportive Housing for Veterans – 425 E. 161st Street (Bronx)

The proposal involves the new construction of a nine-story building containing 59 units in the Melrose neighborhood of the Bronx. Of the 59 units included in the proposal, 58 (studio) units would be permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless veterans earning up to 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) and one 1-bedroom unit would be reserved for a building superintendent. In addition to HOME funds, federal assistance to the project would include vouchers provided through HUD's Project-Based Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments program. The proposed project would be funded through HPD's Supportive Housing Loan Program.

