

Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Intent to Request Release of Funds

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: New York City Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

Address: 100 Gold Street, 7th Floor

New York, New York 10038

Telephone Number of RE: (212) 863-7106

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the St. Nicks Alliance.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about the 16th day after publication, HPD will authorize St. Nicks Alliance to submit a request to HUD for the release of Section 8 PBVs to undertake a project known as St. Nick's 819 Grand Street for the construction of a new 14-story building with 187 Affordable Independent Residence for Seniors ("AIRS") units and 5,298 square feet of retail space through HPD's Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) program. The project is located at 819 Grand Street (Block 2922, Lot 1 and p/o Lot 3) in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn Community District 1 and will make up a 145 feet tall mixed-use building. All 187 units expect to receive PBVs and would be affordable to households earning 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) or less.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

HPD 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) on file at 100 Gold Street New York, New York 10038 and may be examined or copied weekdays 10 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the HPD Environmental Planning Unit. The environmental review record established for the project is on file at HPD, Office of Development, Environmental Planning Unit, 100 Gold Street, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10038. Comments and/or objections to the obligation of funds for the aforementioned project must be submitted to HPD electronically via email to environmental_review@hpd.nyc.gov, via mail addressed to Anthony Howard, Director of Environmental Planning at the above-referenced address, or by telephone at (212) 863-7106 from Monday through Friday 9am-5pm on or before the 15th day following the publication date of this notice.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

HPD certifies to HUD that HPD's Commissioner 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 St. Nicks Alliance to use Program funds.

OBJECTION TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the RE'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 objections are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of HPD; (b) the RE 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 has 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) and shall be sent to NY_PH_Director@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Dina Levy, Commissioner, HPD