

**CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of New York.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about November 1, 2021, the City of New York (the City) anticipates submitting a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CD) funds authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, to undertake the City's Demolition Program citywide.

The Department of Housing Preservation and Development's (HPD) has authority to contract out for emergency and non-emergency demolitions when an owner fails to do so pursuant to a Department of Buildings (DOB) declaration, as established by the New York City Administrative Code. The Code requires the treatment of any structure that may become "dangerous or unsafe, structurally or as a fire hazard, or dangerous or detrimental to human life, health, or morals." Pursuant to DOB guidelines, this would include deteriorated residential and commercial structures determined to be unsafe and/or debilitated in any area. HPD is responsible for surveying the site, providing a scope of work and cost estimate, and overseeing and approving all demolition, cleaning, and grading of land. CD funds are expended for full and partial demolition of privately-owned residential and commercial properties, and some City-owned properties.

The Demolition program is funded at \$10,957,000 in the Calendar Year 2021/CD Year 47 budget. Please note that Federal Fiscal Year 2021 funds cannot be spent on demolitions until the City receives HUD's environmental clearance at the conclusion of the environmental review process.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

New York City'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, Assistant Director, New York City Office of Management and Budget, 255 Greenwich Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10007 or by email to [freemanj@omb.nyc.gov](mailto:freemanj@omb.nyc.gov).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to NYC OMB at the above address or via email to [CDBGComments@omb.nyc.gov](mailto:CDBGComments@omb.nyc.gov). All comments received by October 31, 2021 will be considered by NYC OMB prior to authorizing 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 of the City's Community Development Block Grant 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 of New York to use CD 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 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 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) and shall be addressed to CPD\_COVID-19OEE-NY@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

City of New York:      Bill de Blasio, Mayor  
                                 Jacques Jiha, Ph.D., Director, Mayor's Office of Management and Budget

Date:                      October 15, 2021