

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

JACKIE ROBINSON MUSEUM

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Name of Responsible Entity and Recipient: Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC), 22 Cortlandt Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10007, Telephone Number: (212) 962-2300, Contact: Daniel A. Ciniello, President. These notices satisfy two separate procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by LMDC.

Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

LMDC, a political subdivision and public benefit corporation of the State of New York, proposes to provide funding to the Jackie Robinson Foundation to support the development of the Jackie Robinson Museum (the “Museum”). On or about July 8, 2020, LMDC will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to support the Project. The Museum will be located at 75 Varick Street in Manhattan. The Museum will celebrate the continuing legacy of one of the most important Americans of the 20th century, and its exhibitions will chronicle Robinson’s trailblazing achievements against the backdrop of United States history. The Museum will occupy 19,380 square feet of the southeast corner section of the ground floor of the building, as well as portions of the Foundation’s current headquarters on the second floor. This Project is largely an interior renovation but does include certain minor exterior modifications.

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI Notice) and Negative Declaration

LMDC is responsible, pursuant to federal statute 42 U.S.C. § 5304(g) as recipient of CDBG funds, for conducting environmental review of projects receiving HUD funds in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 24 CFR Part 58, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and related laws. LMDC caused the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project and, based on the EA, has determined that the Project would not, either individually or cumulatively, have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment or a significant adverse environmental impact under NEPA. LMDC has also determined that the Project is a Type II action that requires no review under SEQRA. Therefore, LMDC has not prepared an environmental impact statement for the Project.

Release of Funds

LMDC certifies to HUD that Daniel A. Ciniello, in his capacity as President of LMDC, 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 LMDC to use CDBG program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and LMDC'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 the Responsible Entity; (b) LMDC 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD NY Regional Office at disaster_recovery@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD NY Regional Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Comments

Written comments on the FONSI notice, the Negative Declaration or the notice of request for release of funds may be submitted to LMDC and must be received by LMDC by 5:00PM on July 8, 2020 or they will not be considered. LMDC will consider all comments received by this date prior to authorizing the submission of its request for release of funds to HUD. Comments should be submitted by U.S. mail to Daniel A. Ciniello, Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, Attention: Jackie Robinson Museum; 22 Cortlandt Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10007, Telephone Number: (212) 962-2300, or by email to publiccomment@renewnyc.com.

Further Information

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 the address listed above or by email to publiccomment@renewnyc.com. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <http://renewnyc.com>.

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