

# Request for Release of Funds and Certification

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Office of Community Planning and Development

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This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

## Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) Community Development Block Grant - DR	2. HUD/State Identification Number B-13-DS-34_0001	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) NCR39808
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14.269	5. Name and address of responsible entity Stacy Bonnaffons, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery New Jersey Department of Community Affairs 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Stacy Bonnaffons (609) 292-6420		
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 7272 Washington, D.C. 20410	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) City of Brigantine 1417 Brigantine Boulevard Brigantine, New Jersey 08203	

### The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Dune path restoration to include ten walkways from Vernon Place to 10th Street South and the completion of drainage improvements at 4th Street South and the beach in Brigantine, New Jersey.	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) 10th Street through Vernon Place Beach Crossings, Brigantine, Atlantic County, New Jersey
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#### 11. Program Activity/Project Description

Brigantine City is a barrier island community located just north of Absecon Island which includes four communities: Longport, Margate, Ventnor and Atlantic City. The City has seen its ratable base reduced since Superstorm Sandy and many homes and infrastructure has been damaged. Over 1,100 homeowners in the City of Brigantine have provided the City with Letters of Interest to elevate their homes. In addition, the City well over 200 repetitive loss properties. Both Businesses and homes were damaged by Superstorm Sandy.

This NJEDA grant project is a Recreation, Cultural and Park Land Amenities Project in a US Census designated Low and Moderate Income Neighborhood. The project includes dune path restoration to include ten walkways from Vernon Place to 10th Street South inclusive. The scope will include the installation of gravel and split rail fencing to delineate the path and protect the dune system. This work will provide easier ADA accessible paths for the general public as well as fortify the dune system for greater protection from coastal storms. In addition, drainage improvements will be completed at 4th Street South and the beach. The scope includes the installation of perforated pipe and inlets. All work will be completed on City owned property and design work can be completed quickly by the City Engineer, hence this project can meet the June 31, 2015 deadline.

This NCR application meets the Priority Criteria since the planned improvements are located in or adjacent to Census Tract 101.02, Block 1; a low and moderate income neighborhood and it meets the National Objective of Low and Moderate Income Area Benefit.

This project will help the City of Brigantine by improving the recreational amenities and associated infrastructure in a low and moderate income neighborhood, potentially creating low and moderate income jobs to complete the identified improvements, and enhancing the "quality of life". The enhancements at the beachfront will provide for better access for all including handicapped individuals. The planned improvements will have a direct impact on the lives of those who live in this low and moderate income neighborhood as well as the entire community of Brigantine. Without these improvements, blight can occur in the neighborhood because of its susceptibility to flooding and the public beaches will be less assessable. As is the case whenever needed open space and associated infrastructure improvements occur, the neighborhood will be enhanced and these will be a better potential that the values of the properties and the resulting ratables will increase.

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**Part 2. Environmental Certification** (to be completed by responsible entity)

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**With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:**

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did  did not  require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

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Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

Title of Certifying Officer

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Date signed

**X**

Address of Certifying Officer

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**Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity**

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The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

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Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

Title of Authorized Officer

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Date signed

**X**

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