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)	2. HUD/State Identification Number	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)	*B-13-DS-34-0001*	*NCR40120*
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 St. SW, Room 7272* *Washington, DC 20410*	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	

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)	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State)
Channel Drive Streetscape Improvements - NCR40120	*Channel Drive, Borough of Point Pleasant Beach, Ocean County, New Jersey*

11. Program Activity/Project Description

The proposed project includes significant streetscape improvements along the entire 4.69-acre, five-block length of Channel Drive in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey, which are designed to redevelop and rebrand the working waterfront district. A portion of the existing length of Channel Drive was first built between 1920 and 1931, but has since been widened and repeatedly repaved. By 1947, the entire length of Channel Drive existed as it does today.

Asphalt and concrete work along the entire length of Channel Drive will include the milling and repaving of the roadway, replacing the existing curb with a six inch concrete curb, and lane striping. New crossing signage and concrete pavers will be installed at crosswalks and concrete pavers will be installed at intersections of Channel Drive at Broadway (two intersections), St. Louis Avenue, Chicago Avenue, Baltimore Avenue, and Boston Avenue. On the north side of Channel Drive, streetscape improvements will include the demolition and reconstruction of 13,095 square feet of sidewalk, the installation of concrete paver driveway aprons, two feet of concrete paver verge between sidewalks and curbs, fifty-four decorative light fixtures, five bus shelters, ten benches, and the planting of sixty-four shade trees. On the south side of Channel Drive, streetscape improvements will include the demolition of existing sidewalk, the reconstruction of sidewalk only at the six road intersections, and the planting of forty-four shade trees. On both the north and south sides of Channel Drive, the stormwater drainage inlets must be replaced/upgraded in accordance with the NJDEP Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. Subgrade preparation in the areas of sidewalk installation will require shallow excavation. Additional deeper excavation will be required for the installation of streetscape fixture foundations for light poles, benches, bus shelters, and other structures, as well as for any proposed electrical conduit for the proposed lighting. Minimal existing trees are proposed to be removed from the proposed project area. The project will result in less than 0.25 acres of additional impervious cover.

One parcel at each intersection of Channel Drive and Broadway, 1526_168_5 at the west end and 1526_164_19 at the east end, will be used for new signage, fiberglass signature sculptures, landscaping, and lighting to highlight the entrances to the working waterfront district. Rights to use portions of these two properties will be acquired, with the possibility of purchasing 1526_168_5. There will be no demolition, renovation, or reconstruction of the privately owned structure located at 1526_164_19. The entire project will be constructed within the forty foot public right-of-way of Channel Drive, a local street. A five foot wide, from edge of roadway, shade tree easement will be required on both the north and south sides of Channel Drive. Additionally an eight foot wide, from edge of roadway, streetscape easement will be required on the north side of Channel Drive where necessary for sidewalk installation. All of the property owners contacted to date have expressed an interest in including trees on their property adjacent to the sidewalks, and some of them have also pledged matching dollars to supplement the full grant if needed.

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

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.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity	Title of Certifying Officer *Charles A. Richman, Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs*
X	Date signed
Address of Certifying Officer	

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

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).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient	Title of Authorized Officer
X	Date signed

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