# 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)**

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| 1. Program Title(s)<br>*Community Development Block Grant - DR* | 2. HUD/State Identification Number<br>*B-13-DS-34-0001* | 3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)<br>*SBL618330* |
| 4. OMB Catalog Number(s)<br>*14.269* | 5. Name and address of responsible entity<br>*Stacy Bonnaffons, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs*<br>*101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800* | |
| 6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number)<br>*Stacy Bonnaffons, (609) 292-6420* | | |
| 8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request<br>*Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division*<br>*Office of Block Grant Assistance*<br>*Department of Housing and Urban Development*<br>*451 Seventh St. SW, Room 7272*<br>*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**

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| 9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s)<br>*Auricle Communications - WFMU Radio Station* | 10. Location (Street address, city, county, State)<br>*43 Montgomery Street Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey* |

11. Program Activity/Project Description

*The existing building is a 4-story plus mezzanine brick and wood structure of 10,000 square feet built in 1905, according to the applicant. A review of historic aerial photography shows the structure was built prior to 1954. The structure has a footprint that measures 25-feet by 100-feet and has a concrete-lined basement. The project is needed to repair portions of a water-damaged masonry and wood section of the building's 3rd floor and to transform this underutilized space into a much-needed larger equipment room and audio production space for WFMU.*

*The Stronger New Jersey Business Loan (SBL) program provides loans to small businesses and non-profits that were impacted by Superstorm Sandy for rehabilitation and reconstruction projects to expand businesses within storm-impacted communities and contribute to economic revitalization throughout New Jersey.*

*The proposed project is the major rehabilitation of WFMU Radio Station. The cost of the rehabilitation is currently projected at $395,450. According to tax records, the value of the structure is $410,000. Because the cost of the project is more than 50% of the value of the structure, the rehabilitation is considered "major."*

*The rehabilitation will include removing and replacing structurally deficient material in the portion of the 3rd floor roof that is not covered by the building's 4th floor, which is set back from the 3rd floor by 10 feet, as well as removing a curved plexiglass window structure that separates the enclosed portion of the 3rd floor from the 3rd floor balcony, replacing leaking masonry, and re-routing the 3rd and 4th floor fire escapes appropriately. The footprint of the building's 3rd floor balcony will be enclosed to create more space within the building for production and broadcast equipment.*

*A temporary repair of the water infiltration was implemented by a contractor in 2010: a protective plywood, steel rod and waterproof membrane was applied to the 3rd floor's outer surface and masonry. Because this temporary repair will not last beyond 5 years, renovation is the only sustainable solution for the water-damaged structure.*

**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 |
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| 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 |
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| X | Date signed |

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