

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW
OF FEMA STORM GRANT PROJECT**

January 9, 2026

Government of the District of Columbia (DC)
Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
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(202) 442-6987 (Kelly-Ann Morrow, Housing Compliance Officer)

This Notice shall satisfy the procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the DC DHCD utilizing a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation (STORM) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The Project is the Benning Road Metro Affordable located at 4401-4435 Benning Road NE in Washington, DC.

REQUEST FOR UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

On or about January 26, 2026, DHCD will submit all required information to FEMA about the proposed uses of the grant funds for this Project.

The Project is a thoughtfully designed new construction of a 124,313 GSF/109-unit affordable housing community that provides a diverse mix of housing options, including 8 studios, 52 one-bedroom units, 27 two-bedroom units, and 22 three-bedroom units. All residences are reserved for households earning between 30% and 80% of the Median Family Income (MFI), with 22 units set aside at 30% MFI, 65 units at 50% MFI, and 22 units at 80% MFI, resulting in an average affordability level of 52% MFI. The Project also incorporates 26 Local Rent Supplement Program units, all of which are Permanent Supportive Housing units, ensuring long-term stability for residents most in need. With perpetual affordability built into the development, the Project guarantees lasting access to housing for future generations. In addition to secure, affordable homes, residents will benefit from dedicated security services and comprehensive resident support programs, creating a safe, inclusive, and sustainable community. The Project will be located in Ward 7 in NE Washington DC. Grant funding will be used to incorporate resilient design features in the construction process included in the loan uses.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

DHCD 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, a copy of which may be obtained by email request to Ms. Kelly-Ann Morrow, Housing Compliance Officer, Kelly-Ann.Morrow@DC.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the Project may submit written comments to Ms. Morrow at the email address listed above. All comments received by **January 25, 2026**, will be considered by DHCD prior to authorizing utilization of the STORM grant. Commentators should specify which part of this notice they are addressing.

UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

The District of Columbia certifies that Colleen Green, in her capacity as the DHCD Director, 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. FEMA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows DCHD to use a grant from the STORM RLF in the Project.

OBJECTIONS TO UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

FEMA will accept objections to its release of grant funds and the District of Columbia certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 District of Columbia; (b) the District of Columbia has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by regulation; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by regulation; 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.

Colleen Green, Director, DC DHCD