Authority to Use Grant Funds

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Office of Community Planning and Development

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We received your Request for Release of Funds and Certification, form HUD-7015.15 on	11/26/2013
Your Request was for HUD/State Identification Number	B-13-DS-36-0001

All objections, if received, have been considered. And the minimum waiting period has transpired.
You are hereby authorized to use funds provided to you under the above HUD/State Identification Number.
File this form for proper record keeping, audit, and inspection purposes.

Program Activity: Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation (Schenectady County)

Program Description: Program was created to assist unmet housing needs of homeowners with 1-4 unit residential properties. The State anticipates to provide permanent and sustainable housing solutions which will consist of repairs, reconstructing homes and mitigating properties for future resilience.

The State program may also provide reimbursement to homeowners that have started or completed rehabilitation work with personal resources after Hurricanes Sandy, Irene and/ or Lee subject to restrictions of applicable laws, regulations and requirements of this program.

CDBG-DR funds: $2,160,000

Program Location: scattered sites within Schenectady County.

Notice of Completion of Environmental Review RE: Tier 1 Programmatic Environmental Review Record Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program NY Rising Housing Recovery Program: Environmental Assessment for 1-4 Unit Residential Properties, Schenectady County, NY

In compliance with 24 CFR Part 50 and the National Environmental Policy Act, 1969, an environmental review of the above referenced project has been performed. The recipient, New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation and its contractors, have prepared an EA of the project identified above and prepared the environmental review record in compliance with all applicable provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, (42 USC sec. 4321 et seq.) and its implementing regulations under 24 CFR Part 58.

Before HUD funds are committed or expended on a specific site, a site specific review must be completed for each project/house. Furthermore, if the State determines that an activity or project, because of extraordinary circumstances and conditions at or affecting the location of the activity or project, may have a significant environmental effect, the State shall comply with the National Environmental Policy Act

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