

Agency Name _____ DCA _____

CDBG-DR Program _____ NEP _____

Application ID Number NEP2014-02325-011-00

DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF REVIEW

Applicant Name: _____ 525-529- Seventeenth Street _____ Program Year: 2014

Project Location: _____ 525-529 South 17th Street, Newark, Essex County, New Jersey _____

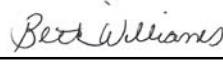
Project Description (*Attach additional descriptive information, as appropriate to the activity, including narrative, maps, photographs, site plans, budgets and other information.*):

See Attached

The subject project has been reviewed pursuant to HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 58, "Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities," and the following determination with respect to the project is made:

- Exempt** from NEPA review requirements per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(____)
- Categorically Excluded NOT Subject** to §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(b)(____)
- Categorically Excluded SUBJECT** to §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(____)
(A Statutory Checklist for the §58.5 authorities is attached.)
- An **Environmental Assessment** (EA) is required to be performed. (An Environmental Assessment performed in accordance with subpart E of 24 CFR Part 58 is attached.)
- An **Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS) is required to be performed.

The ERR (see §58.38) must contain all the environmental review documents, public notices and written determinations or environmental findings required by Part 58 as evidence of review, decision making and actions pertaining to a particular project. Include additional information including checklists, studies, analyses and documentation as appropriate.

<u>Beth Williams</u> Preparer Name	 Signature
<u>Environmental Scientist</u> Title	<u>March 25, 2014</u> Completion Date For DLR

Project Description:

The program provides zero percent loans to eligible entities that will create for sale or rental housing units through either rehabilitation or redevelopment. Initial occupancy of the units developed under this program is restricted to households at or below 80% of Area Median Income as defined by HUD. \$30,000,000 in CDBG-DR funds are allocated to this program. For-profit and nonprofit affordable housing developers with the support of the local government are eligible for participation in the Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

The program will provide up to \$250,000 in subsidy per unit (based on need and bedroom size). The maximum award will be \$1,750,000. Funding can be used for hard and soft costs for the following activities: acquisition, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and demolition. Acquisition and/or demolition must be directly related to new construction or reconstruction.

This project involves the acquisition of vacant land for the construction of two separate three-story, 4,272 square foot, three-family homes in one phase on adjacent lots (Block 335, Lots 15.01 and 15.02) in a section of Newark where new development has been encouraged by Federal, State and City government policy, in response to local economic conditions. Each home will have a front-yard setback similar to other dwellings in the area, traditional front porch, rear-facing two-car garage and parking for three cars at the rear of each lot. There will be landscaped areas in each yard.