

**Environmental Review
for Activity/Project that is Exempt or
Categorically Excluded Not Subject to Section 58.5
Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.34(a) and 58.35(b)**

Project Information

Project Name: Pacific-House-West

HEROS Number: 900000010167488

Responsible Entity (RE): DANBURY, 142 Deer Hill Ave Danbury CT, 06810

State / Local Identifier:

RE Preparer: Andrea Gray

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

Point of Contact:

Consultant (if applicable):

Point of Contact:

Project Location: 3 Lake Avenue Ext, Danbury, CT 06811

Additional Location Information:

3 Lake Avenue Ext, Danbury, CT 06811 Geo-coded address: 3 Lake Avenue Ext, Danbury, CT 06811-5252 Longitude: -73.477659 Latitude: 41.387758

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

The City of Danbury is proposing to purchase the Super 8 Motel that is currently housing the homeless residents of Danbury. The purchase of this facility will give the City the capacity to serve the homeless in our community in a safe environment for both the guests, staff and volunteers. Pacific House, Inc. an agency that has over 35 years of experience in providing emergency shelter, has been asked to lead the effort in acquiring the motel and provide emergency shelter services. The City of Danbury typically sees approximately 60 to 80 homeless at any given time during the winter months. With COVID-19 we cannot anticipate the number of homeless individuals that will need to be served in our community. The purchase of the Super 8 Motel will provide capacity to meet the needs of the current residents of Danbury. The physical layout of the motel makes it ideal to be able to provide a safe environment to contain exposure to COVID-19. Hotels and motels have proven to be an effective way of keeping the homeless safe, as well as providing space for quarantine/isolation, while meeting the public health needs. The emergency shelter will provide emergency

to accommodate individuals or families who become homeless. The emergency shelter will be a partner with Opening Doors of Fairfield County Continuum of Care (HUD designation), and will continue participate in the Danbury Coordinated Access Network (CAN) for the homeless. The focus of the emergency shelter will be to support the guests from day one to commence a plan for permanent housing, rather than staying in a shelter. Shelter guests will be referred to all local agencies for support services such as Catholic Charities, DMHAS, Housing Authority, Health Clinics, etc., as needed. This project also includes soft costs and other non-physical activities such as planning, services, administration, and predevelopment costs.

Level of Environmental Review Determination

Activity / Project is Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a):

58.34(a)(1)

58.34(a)(3)

58.34(a)(5)

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Funding Information

Grant / Project Identification Number	HUD Program	Program Name
SC-2020-2	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) (Entitlement)

Estimated Total HUD Funded, Assisted or Insured Amount: \$50,000.00

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]: \$75,000.00

Compliance with 24 CFR §50.4 & §58.6 Laws and Authorities

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4 & §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determination (See Appendix A for source determinations)
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.6		
Airport Runway Clear Zones and Clear Zones 24 CFR part 51	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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Coastal Barrier Resources Act Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.
Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	The structure or insurable property is not located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with flood insurance requirements.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [CFR 40 1505.2(c)]: Summarized below are all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure or Condition	Comments on Completed Measures	Complete
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Mitigation Plan

Supporting documentation on completed measures

APPENDIX A: Related Federal Laws and Authorities

Airport Runway Clear Zones

General policy	Legislation	Regulation
It is HUD's policy to apply standards to prevent incompatible development around civil airports and military airfields.		24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D

1. **Does the project involve the sale or acquisition of developed property?**

No

✓ Yes

2. **Is the project in the Runway Protection Zone/Clear Zone (RPZ/CZ)?**

✓ No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.
Document and upload the map showing that the site is not within the applicable distances to a military or civilian airport below.

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Coastal Barrier Resources

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD financial assistance may not be used for most activities in units of the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS). See 16 USC 3504 for limitations on federal expenditures affecting the CBRS.	Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) of 1982, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (16 USC 3501)	

1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?

No

Document and upload map and documentation below.

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes
 No

Flood Insurance

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Certain types of federal financial assistance may not be used in floodplains unless the community participates in National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance is both obtained and maintained.	Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 as amended (42 USC 4001-4128)	24 CFR 50.4(b)(1) and 24 CFR 58.6(a) and (b); 24 CFR 55.1(b).

1. Does this project involve financial assistance for construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of a mobile home, building, or insurable personal property?

No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance.

Yes

2. Upload a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site here:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The [FEMA Map Service Center](#) provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). For projects in areas not mapped by FEMA, use the best available information to determine floodplain information. Include documentation, including a discussion of why this is the best available information for the site. Provide FEMA/FIRM floodplain zone designation, panel number, and date within your documentation.

Is the structure, part of the structure, or insurable property located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area?

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

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