

606 West 57th Street

Manhattan, NY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

HIT ROLE

SOCIAL IMPACT

606 West 57th Street is the new construction of a mixed-income, mixed-use multifamily development rising 42 stories in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of midtown Manhattan. When complete, the residential component will offer 1,028 rental units (studios and one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments). Twenty percent, or 206 units, will be permanently affordable to low-income families. The project is anticipated to include a residents' lounge, indoor gym, and a fitness center, as well as parking for more than 400 vehicles and over 37,000 square feet of retail space.

The HIT purchased \$31 million of tax-exempt, variable rate bonds as part of a \$71 million offering issued by the New York State Housing Finance Agency (NYSHFA) to finance the 206-unit affordable component of the project. This bond issue is the second of four expected tranches totaling \$380 million for which Wells Fargo Bank is providing a letter of credit during the construction period. TF Cornerstone is the developer and construction manager for the project, which has a total development cost of \$582 million.

606 West 57th Street, an 80/20 mixed-income multifamily development, will provide much-needed affordable housing options to low-income families in Manhattan. The 206 affordable units will be available to families making up to 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) – currently \$54,360 for a family of four. Another 20 units will be restricted to households making no more than 175% AMI.

Work on the affordable component of the project is expected to generate approximately 354 family-supporting union construction jobs.





"The HIT is pleased to use union and public pension capital to invest in expanding housing opportunities for low-income and middle-income New Yorkers.

These projects will bring critically needed affordable housing to Manhattan, while creating jobs that will help sustain the neighborhoods."

—Eric W. Price
HIT Executive Vice President

ABOUT THE HIT

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