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NYC unveils new affordable housing developed by women and people of color

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As part of an ongoing [affordable housing](#) development drive, New York City has selected eight Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs) to develop hundreds of affordable units across three boroughs.

The six city-owned sites—in East New York and Bedford-Stuyvesant, [Brooklyn](#); Melrose and Crotona Park East, the [Bronx](#) ; and Central Harlem, Manhattan—will be 100 percent affordable across a broad range of incomes. The developments will include 440 units for seniors, the homeless, and extremely-low income New Yorkers.

“These Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms are offering first-rate projects that will serve a diverse set of New York communities and New Yorkers,” said [Mayor Bill de Blasio](#) , in a statement. “I congratulate them, and expect to see important work from each of them as we continue to work together in the future to protect affordability and quality of life in all our neighborhoods.” The developments will include a STEM center for high schoolers, a tech center, space for a green market, and an LGBT community center.

The M/WBE contracts are part of the city’s goal to award 30 percent of the value of its contracts to nonwhite and woman firms by 2021. To meet its metrics, the city is increasing access to capital and putting resources towards capacity-building for M/WBE firms, among other measures.

263-267 West 126th Street

Architect: [Aufgang Architects](#)

Developer: Lemor Realty Corporation and Apex Building Group

Central Harlem, Manhattan



263-267 West 126th Street. (Courtesy NYC Mayor’s Office)

“The companies will [build](#) a passive-house development with 29 affordable homes on the 8,492 square-foot property. The project will house a restaurant and space for the tech incubator company Silicon Harlem, which offers the Apps Youth Leadership Academy, a seven-week course for high school students focused STEM education and enrichment.”