

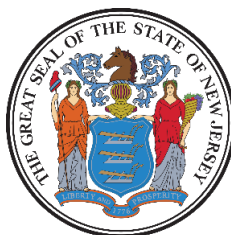
ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT

FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TROPICAL STORM IDA

NON-SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #6

- Modification to Section 4.1.4 add Pathway 4: DCA selected Non-Profit Contractors to the Homeowner Assistance and Recovery Program (HARP)
- Modification of the budget: DCA will move funding between Homeowner Assistance and Repair Program (HARP) and Homeowner Temporary Relocation Assistance (HRA) program HRA in both the first and second allocation to assure that DCA will meet the 15% public service cap in the second allocation of Ida.

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SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

The purpose of this **Action Plan Amendment (APA) Number 6** to the State's Ida Action Plan (approved by HUD on November 21, 2022) is to modify the plan. This amendment is considered non-substantial since these clarifications and additions do not involve a new allocation or transfer/re-allocation of funds above the threshold between programs, do not create a new program, and do not change program beneficiaries or eligibility criteria. The amendment process follows the guidance in the applicable Federal Register notice related to non-substantial amendments and will be posted on the DCA website in accordance with HUD requirements.

SECTION 2: ACTION PLAN CLARIFICATIONS

A. Modification to Section 4.8.10 to add Pathway 4: DCA selected Non-Profit Contractors to the Homeowner Assistance and Recovery Program (HARP)

Explanation of Modifications:

The State established pathways for construction contracts, and these included: 1) Homeowner with Existing Construction Contract, 2) Homeowner Selects Own Contractor 3) Acquisition. By this amendment a fourth pathway will be added 4) Non-Profit Contractors. DCA found that a number of applicants did not have the ability or feel comfortable selecting contractors on their own. Therefore, DCA created this alternative to assist homeowners find competent contractors in a timely manner. The Action Plan modifications include:

Modification to Section 4.8.10:

{insert} 4) DCA proposes to select a pool of non-profit organizations to act as contractors to rehabilitate HARP applicant homes. The HARP applicant can then choose from the pool of contractors. Payment would go from DCA to the contractors. DCA would maintain oversight over the program and continue to do eligibility checks and DOB as well as provide property construction estimates.

A solicitation will be issued in a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for non-profit organizations that do rehabilitation construction. The NOFA will include:

1. Scope of Work - the type of housing repair work to be performed including construction standards.
2. Process overview – roles and responsibilities of DCA and the non-profit contractor
3. Service delivery cost – up to 15% of the repair estimate can be billed for project delivery to cover the non-profits overhead and worker payrolls. Additional services such as providing temporary relocation coordination for the household and/or managing escrow accounts could be paid on a unit price or time and materials for staff time.
4. Qualifications - appropriate construction registrations and or licenses, not debarred, and qualified to work in homes with lead-based paint, and or abate Lead Based Paint. Relevant experience, financial stability.

- B. Modification of the budget:** DCA will move funding between Homeowner Assistance and Recovery Program (HARP) and Homeowner Temporary Relocation Assistance (HRA) program in both the first and second allocation to assure that DCA will meet the 15% public service cap in the second allocation of Ida.

Explanation of Modifications:

The HAR program was created by DCA in Substantial Amendment #4. The program is utilized in conjunction with the HARP program for those homeowners requiring temporary relocation assistance while their home is being rehabilitated. HUD considers the HAR program a public service activity, and the budget for the activity must be considered in the public service cap. The total budget for the HARP program and the HAR will remain the same at \$11,365,821 for HARP and \$10,000,000 for HAR. By reallocating the budget between the HARP and HAR line items in each allocation, DCA can meet the 15% set-aside cap for public services for the HAR activities.

The budget for grant B-21-DF-34-0001 will reduce the funding for the HARP program by \$9.75 million dollars and the funds will be transferred to the HAR program. This transfer of funds will reduce the available funds for HARP from \$72.92 million dollars to \$63.17 million dollars. The HAR which previously had zero funds will now have \$9.75 million dollars in its budget.

The budget for grant B-22-DF-34-0001 will reduce the funding for the HAR program by \$9.75 million dollars and the funds will be transferred to the HARP program. This transfer of funds will reduce the available funds for HAR from \$10 million dollars to \$9.75 million dollars. HARP which previously had \$38.43 million dollars in funds will now have \$48.18 million dollars in its budget.

Modification to Budget:

Grant	Program	Current Budget	Change in Budget	Revised Budget
B-21-DF-34-0001	HARP	\$72,928,700	\$(9,750,000)	\$63,178,700
B-21-DF-34-0001	HAR	\$0	\$9,750,000	\$9,750,000

Grant	Program	Current Budget	Change in Budget	Revised Budget
B-22-DF-34-0001	HARP	\$38,437,121	\$9,750,000	\$48,187,121
B-22-DF-34-0001	HAR	\$10,000,000	\$(9,750,000)	\$250,000