

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

Action Plan Substantial Amendment #42

Pursuant to Public Law 113-2, Federal Register Notice FR-5696-N-01, Notice FR-5696-N-06, and Notice FR-5696-N-11

Please take notice that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will hold a public hearing virtually to solicit public comments on the State's plan to clarify potential uses of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program income.

Program income is the gross income received by DCA or any of its subrecipients (e.g., the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection) that is directly generated from the use of CDBG-DR funds. While program income can be generated various ways, perhaps the most common example is payments of principal and interest on loans that were made using CDBG-DR funds.

In Action Plan Amendment (APA) 40, New Jersey qualified three options for the use of program income: (1) program income is maintained by the state agency administering the program (DCA or a subrecipient) to pay the agency's next CDBG-DR eligible expense; (2) program income is transferred from a subrecipient to DCA to pay the next CDBG-DR eligible expense; and (3) program income is used as a revolving loan fund for CDBG-DR eligible purposes.

Through APA 42, the State now allows program income to be used for all eligible purposes under federal requirements. Consistent with HUD Federal Register Notice FR-5696-N-01, this includes the option to transfer unbudgeted program income to the State's annual CDBG program. Collectively, these options ensure rapid expenditure of program income and minimize any impact on the timely obligation and expenditure of CDBG-DR funds.

The public hearing on APA 42 will be held virtually on the Microsoft Teams platform:

Date: Friday, February 4, 2022

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Teams Link: To access the link for the public hearing, please visit <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/>.

Information regarding any change in the hearing schedule will be posted at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/> at least two hours before the scheduled start time of the hearing.

The State will make all possible accommodations to ensure that the hearing is accessible for those with visual or hearing disabilities. The hearing will include an option for closed captioning to provide effective communication and the recording will be posted to the DCA website. To request a specific accommodation or a link to the recording, please contact Lisa Ryan at lisa.ryan@dca.nj.gov.

The public comment period for Action Plan Amendment #42 opened on January 21, 2022. Residents may also submit their comments by email to lisa.ryan@dca.nj.gov or by mail to the attention of Lisa Ryan, Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation, NJ Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 823, Trenton, NJ 08625-0823. All comments must be received on or before 5:00 pm EST on February 21, 2021 to be considered.

For more information about New Jersey's Superstorm Sandy recovery efforts or to download a copy of the State's Action Plan and related amendments, visit <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/> or request a copy at the above-mentioned address.

Action Plan Amendment #42 is available in English and Spanish at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/>.