

**New Jersey Department of Community Affairs**

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

Action Plan Substantial Amendment #46

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) is soliciting public comments on the State's proposal to transfer \$4.8 million in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to the Resilient NJ Program.

The Resilient NJ Program was established through the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – National Disaster Resilience Competition (CDBG-NDR) was awarded \$15 million to support multi-municipal regions in understanding and addressing vulnerabilities due to increased flood risk, and to develop a toolkit of best practices. The total funding award has been utilized for this purpose, but the State recognizes a continued need for this work.

The proposed reallocation of \$4.8 million would be used to further coordinate and facilitate local government action on resilience, community engagement, and implementation of resilience activities in the Resilient NJ regions. It is a core objective of the program to engage with and address the needs of socially vulnerable and under-represented populations. An additional requirement of this reallocation would be to establish ongoing coordination, protect the cooperative framework of the local governments and the communities, and ensure the actions they studied and advanced move to implementation, resulting in reduced risk and improved community resilience.

The four (4) Resilient NJ regions cover 24 municipalities in five (5) counties, including three (3) of the biggest cities in New Jersey. A list of the Resilient NJ regions and their partnering municipalities and community-based organizations is included in Action Plan Amendment #46.

As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, this proposed Substantial Amendment must be made available for public comment over a period of at least thirty days.

Commenters are able to submit comments to this proposed amendment (i) via email to [DisasterRecoveryandMitigation@dca.nj.gov](mailto:DisasterRecoveryandMitigation@dca.nj.gov) (Subject: APA 46); or (ii) via U.S. 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 are given the same amount of consideration regardless of the method of submission.

The public comment period for Action Plan Amendment #46 opened on July 29, 2022, and will close at 5:00 p.m. EST on August 30, 2022. All comments must be received on or before the deadline 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 #46 is available in English and Spanish at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/>.