

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

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

Action Plan Substantial Amendment #48

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 reallocate \$52.6 million in Superstorm Sandy Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds. These funds would be reallocated to assist with Hurricane Ida recovery in counties that were determined by the federal government to be most impacted both in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Ida. The overlapping counties are Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Passaic, and Union counties.

The State has been granted CDBG-DR funds for both Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Ida, making the State eligible to use the funds interchangeably for programs that benefit counties impacted by both storm disasters. Through this proposed substantial amendment, that State signals its intent to utilize CDBG-DR funds interchangeably across disaster allocations.

Through Action Plan Amendment 48, the State would reallocate \$52.6 million in CDBG-DR funds to programs that help meet unmet housing, infrastructure, planning, and other needs that have resulted from the effects of Hurricane Ida.

As part of this amendment, the State is also requesting a waiver from the federal government to provide tenant-based rental assistance for up to 24 months to households impacted by Hurricane Ida.

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 (Subject: APA 48); 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 #48 opened on August 30, 2022, and will close at 5:00 p.m. EST on September 28, 2022. All comments must be received on or before the deadline to be considered.

For more information about New Jersey's Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Ida 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 #48 is available in English and Spanish at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/>.