New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

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

Hurricane Ida Recovery Action Plan Substantial Amendment #2

Pursuant to Public Law 117-43 and Federal Register Notice FR-6326-N-01

Please take notice that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is soliciting public comments on the State's proposal to modify program eligible activities included in the State's Hurricane Ida Recovery Action Plan.

The modifications include changing who qualifies for safe housing incentives in the Blue Acres Program; removing reconstruction as an eligible activity in the Small Rental Repair Program; removing comprehensive planning as an eligible activity in the Resilient Communities Program; and removing municipalities as stand-alone eligible applicants to the Resilient New Jersey program and adding counties and regional consulting teams.

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: Ida APA 2); 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 Ida Action Plan Amendment #2 will be open from 9:00 am EST on April 24, 2023, to 5:00 pm EST on May 25, 2023. All comments must be received on or before the deadline to be considered.

Ida Action Plan Amendment #2 is available in English and Spanish at https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/ and can be requested by email at DisasterRecoveryandMitigation@dca.nj.gov (Subject: Action Plan Amendment 2) or by contacting the Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Constituent Services at (609) 292-3750. To obtain a copy in a language other than English or Spanish, please contact Sylvia Johnston, the language access plan (LAP)

coordinator, at (609) 913-4247 or Sylvia. Johnston@dca.nj.gov. For hearing-impaired users, text telephone service is available at (TTY/TDD) 1-800-852-7899.