

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

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

Hurricane Ida Recovery Action Plan Substantial Amendment #4

Pursuant to Public Law 117-43 and Public Law 117-180 and Federal Register
Notices FR-6326-N-01 and FR-3198-N-01

Please take notice that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is soliciting public comments on Hurricane Ida Recovery Action Plan Substantial Amendment #4, which adds an additional \$149,229,000 of federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding to the Ida recovery programs, adds new programs, and modifies existing budgets and programs.

Action Plan Substantial Amendment #4 proposes to modify the existing Ida Action Plan to implement the additional allocation as well as make changes to the first Ida allocation budget and programs.

The new programs include the Resilient Multifamily Housing Program and the Ivy Hill Storm Water Project Neighborhood Mitigation Program. Also, in an effort to streamline federal reporting requirements across several funding streams, DCA is making budget modifications, which include moving funding from the FEMA Non-Federal Match program to the Homeowner Assistance and Recovery Program (HARP); moving funding from the Statewide Housing Mitigation Tool and Resilient NJ to the Housing Counseling and Legal Services Program; creating the HARP Rental Assistance-Temporary Relocation public services budget line item; amending requirements to the Smart Move Program; and creating a budget line item for the Smart Move Program to fund infrastructure in support of housing.

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 30 days.

Commenters are able to submit comments to this proposed amendment (i) via email to DisasterRecoveryandMitigation@dca.nj.gov (Subject: Ida APA 4); 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 Substantial Amendment #4 will be open from 9:00 am on July 12, 2023, to 5:00 pm on August 11, 2023. All comments must be received on or before the deadline to be considered.

Ida Action Plan Substantial Amendment #4 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 #4) 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.