

COMBINED PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

MERCER COUNTY

September 1, 2026

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
101 South Broad Street
PO Box 800
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800

This Notice is related to Federal assistance provided in response to the Presidentially-declared disaster, Tropical Storm Ida. This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 17, 2026, the DCA will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief Program (CDBG-DR). HUD made an initial award in May of 2022 (FRN 87 FR 31636) to the State of New Jersey, through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), \$228,346,000 in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding to support long-term recovery and mitigation efforts following Hurricane Ida (DR-4614). HUD increased the award by \$149,229,000 in January 2023 (88 FR 3198), bringing the total CDBG-DR award to \$377,575,000. for the Smart Move Program. DCA expects to fund the construction of affordable housing and related infrastructure. The total estimated project cost is \$6,225,061. Approximately \$4,710,410 of Hurricane Ida Smart Move funds will fund the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Smart Move – SM000015 – Affordable Housing Alliance

The proposed project involves the construction of focus of this project, involves the proposed development of 6 affordable housing units on: Block 21, Lot 27.03 in Robbinsville, Mercer County, New Jersey. All 6 of the proposed affordable housing units will be funded with Smart Move funds.

Smart Move funds will also fund the construction of infrastructure proposed under Phase 2a including a new roadway, sidewalks, a detention basin, hardscaping and landscaping. The site is currently vacant and undeveloped. No demolition is required prior to construction.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

NJDCA has determined that this project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. or it can be viewed online at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/resources/environmental.shtml>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit comments on the EER. The Office of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation encourages an electronic submittal of comments at DRM.EHPComments@dca.nj.gov. As an alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to Samuel Viavattine, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 823, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800. All comments received by September 17, 2026, or fifteen (15) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later, will be considered by DCA. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

DCA certifies to HUD that Samuel Viavattine, in his capacity as Certifying Official and Deputy Commissioner of DCA consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and authorities and allows DCA to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and DCA's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of DCA; (b) DCA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency, acting pursuant to the latest guidance on implementing NEPA, has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58.76) and shall be addressed to Gerilee Bennett, ODR, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Samuel Viavattine, Director
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs