



National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC)

Q&A Session: Walk through FAQs

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Agenda

1. Overview: National Disaster Resilience Competition
 - Purpose and Provisions
2. Purpose of Today's Webinar
3. Resources Available to NDRC Eligible Applicants
4. Questions

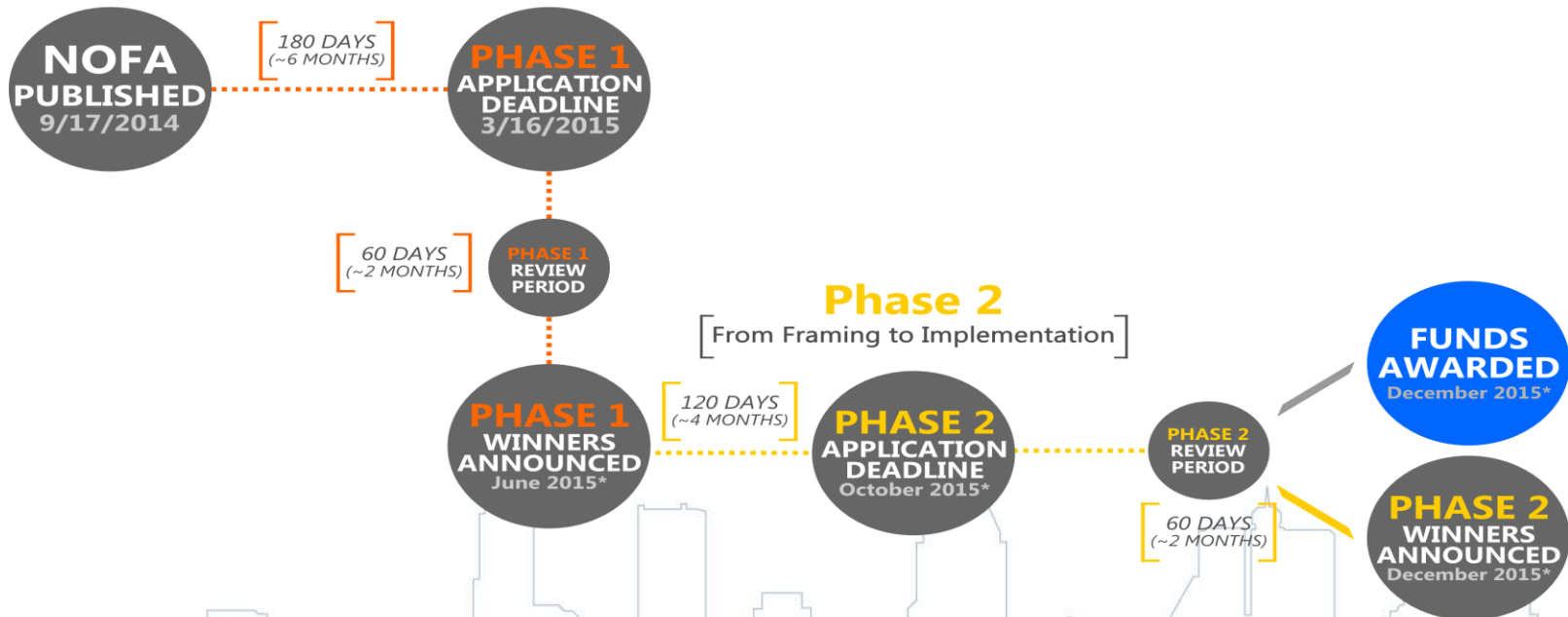
NDRC Overview

- The National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) makes available nearly \$1 billion to communities that have been impacted by natural disasters **between 2011-2013**.
- The competition encourages communities to not only consider how they can recover from a past disaster but also how to avoid future disaster losses...**to be more Resilient**
- Applicants need to link or “tie-back” their proposals to the disaster from which they are recovering, as well as demonstrate how they are reducing future risks and advancing broader community development goals within in their target geographic area(s).

NDRC Overview

Phase 1

[Framing Unmet Recovery Needs, Vulnerabilities, and Community Development Objectives]



**Note: These dates are tentative and subject to change at HUD's discretion*



Purpose of Today's Webinar

1. General discussion of FAQs by subject matter.
2. Where to go for additional guidance.
3. Review key FAQs, especially ones providing different or amended answers from earlier guidance.
 - Resiliency measures and URN.
 - Application format, forms, and attachments
 - SF424
 - Citizen participation
4. Introduce MID-URN Checklist.
5. Your Questions.

FAQs by Subject Matter*

*(an incomplete and imperfect list)

- General NOFA/Competition
(Q1-5, Q16-19, Q22-25, Q33, Q39, Q46, Q57, Q80, Q96)
- MID-URN Threshold
(Q14, Q15, Q41, Q42, Q52, Q54, Q64, Q65, Q72, Q75, Q77, Q78, Q83, Q101, Q117, Q119, Q120, Q129, Q131, Q136, Q160-161)
- Partners
(Q44, Q48, Q51, Q68, Q70, Q73, Q74, Q97, Q98, Q127, Q134-136, Q139, Q150)
- Sub-county Issues
(Q42, Q102, Q103, Q116, Q121, Q130, Q141)
- Geography
(Q53, Q69, Q79, Q90, Q129, Q140)
- Tie-Back
(Q34, Q45, Q76, Q89, Q113, Q125, Q147)

FAQs by Subject Matter* (cont.)

*(an incomplete and imperfect list)

- **Formatting Application**
(Q151, Q153, Q155, Q158)
- **SF 424**
(Q149)
- **Consultation and Citizen Participation**
(Q84, Q95, Q126, Q146, Q157)
- **Eligibility**
(Q6-9, Q11, Q12, Q13, Q43, Q49)
- **Leverage**
(Q20, Q122, Q123, Q127, Q156)
- **Phase 1 vs. Phase 2**
(Q38, Q88)
- **General CDBG Questions**
(Q26-28, Q58, Q99, Q100)



FAQs: Question #159

On January 29th, HUD issued Q159, which presented a key change to previous responses about incorporating the cost of outstanding resiliency need into the unmet recovery need (URN) threshold response.



FAQs: Question #159

Q159: Note that this response is a change to a prior response. Read it carefully. If a disaster repair project is complete and only addressed repair to pre-disaster condition, but did not address a resilience-enhancing action such as elevation of damaged facility due to funding or other issues, can that resilience action (elevation for example) be considered a “funding shortfall” and thus an unmet recovery need?

We note that such costs are eligible costs of rebuilding according to the NOFA. Appendix A states:

“Resilience measures that are not incorporated into rebuilding activities must tie back to the Qualified Disaster and be a necessary expense related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing, or economic revitalization. HUD has determined that generally, designing a project that improves resilience to negative effects of climate change while meeting an Unmet Recovery Need is a necessary and reasonable cost of recovery.”

As a secondary question, does this mean that the costs of resilience projects that do not involve repair or rebuilding disaster damages may be used toward meeting the Unmet Recovery Need threshold?



Question 159 Answer

A: *The previous FAQs 55 and 56 are removed* and this is the updated response. On the primary question, the new response is yes, if you completed repairs of a structure (or stabilized natural infrastructure such as a streambed) damaged by a Qualified Disaster to a basic functional, stable, or pre-disaster condition, but are able to demonstrate that resilient measures were not implemented and demonstrate the nature and cost of such resilient measures that could have been incorporated into the repairs in accordance with the Appendix G guidance for the category, HUD will consider the demonstrated cost of the resilient measures related to the damage to be unmet needs for purposes of meeting the Unmet Recovery Need threshold.

For example, if houses in a floodplain were damaged, then repaired to a pre-disaster condition, but not elevated, then the costs of elevation may be considered for threshold. Also for example, if a damaged sewage treatment system was repaired, but resilience measures were not taken in the rebuilding project to mitigate risk, then those costs may be considered for purposes of meeting the Unmet Recovery Need threshold.

The response to the secondary question is not affected by this reconsideration. Although it is true that in Phase 2, an successful proposal may include a CDBG-NDR-eligible project that does not include a rebuilding component, this project must still be the response that meets or addresses an Unmet Recovery Need. Such a project is not itself the Unmet Recovery Need, in the sense of the NDRC.

For example, if houses in a floodplain were damaged by a Qualified Disaster and this damage was demonstrated as sufficient to meet the MID-URN threshold, the applicant could then elect not to address the identified need through repair (resilient or not) of the housing itself. A Phase 2 proposal responsive to the example's housing damage could involve building new housing in a safer location, constructing a sea wall, or providing relocation services/payments and job training to help the affected households move successfully to a less risky location. The costs of the proposed Phase II project in such a case would not be the same as the costs of the identified Unmet Recovery Need that helped the application meet the MID-URN threshold.



Other FAQs/Items of Note

Application Format

- All pages numbered
- Keep to the page limits – check math for multiple target areas
- Refer to Section IV. of the NOFA

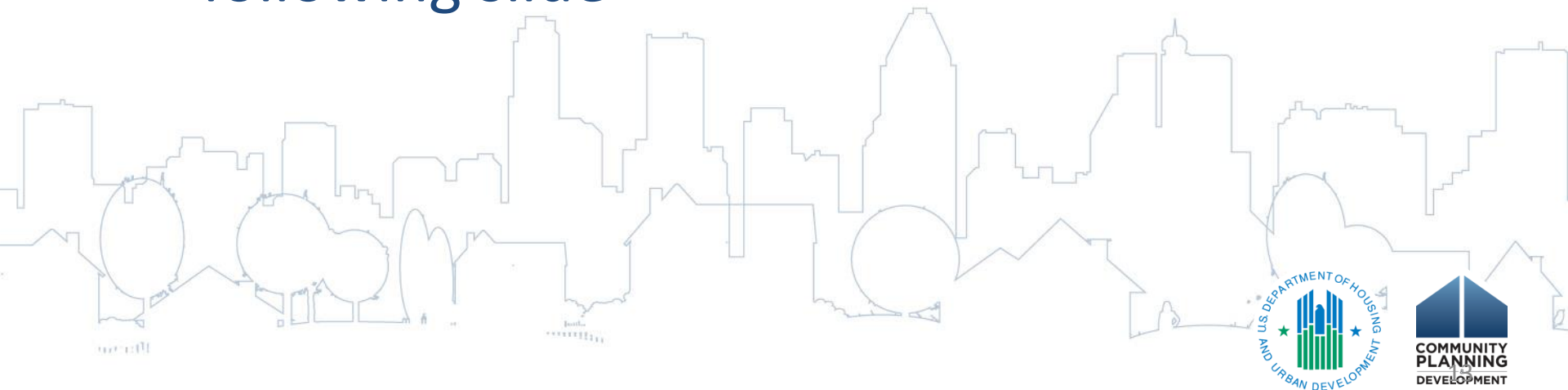
Standard Forms

- Standard forms are found at the following link:
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- Do not use the link found in Section IV. of the NOFA

SF424

SF424, Application for Federal Assistance

- Use the form found at the [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) link to the NDR Competition
- The first page should look like the following slide



Grant Application Package and SF424

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Opportunity Title:	National Disaster Resilience Competition
Offering Agency:	US Department of Housing and Urban Development
CFDA Number:	14.272
CFDA Description:	National Resilient Disaster Recovery Competition
Opportunity Number:	FR-5800-N-29
Competition ID:	FR-5800-N-29
Opportunity Open Date:	09/17/2014
Opportunity Close Date:	03/16/2015
Agency Contact:	Jennifer Hylton Jennifer.M.Hylton@hud.gov

This opportunity is only open to organizations, applicants who are submitting grant applications on behalf of a company, state, local or tribal government, academia, or other type of organization.

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SF424 – Reminders

- Make sure all boxes are checked and filled in
- Check “I AGREE” Box in Item #21 to comply with the Certifications in Appendix F
- Signature and date by Authorized Representative as set forth in the NOFA



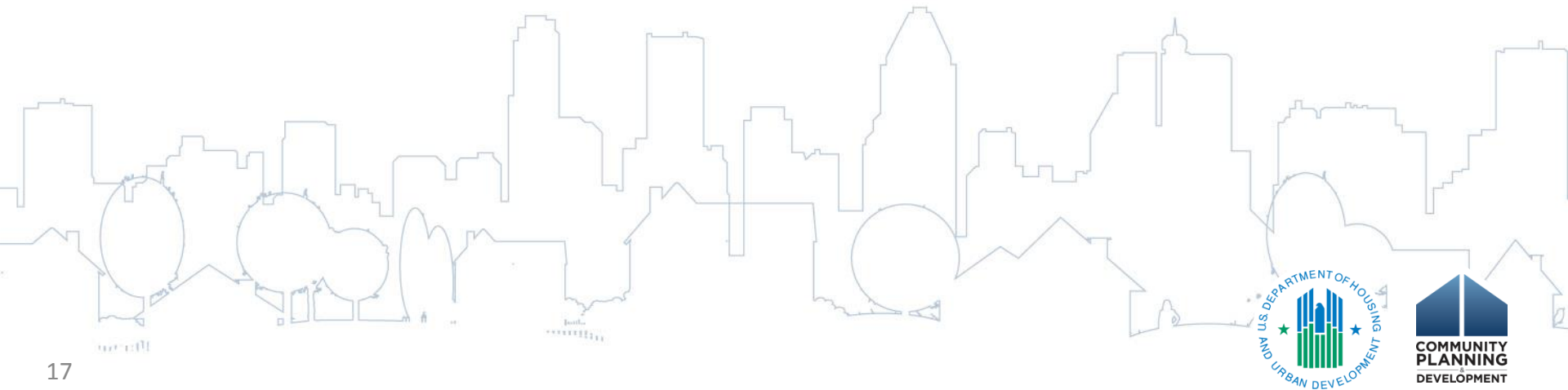
Citizen Participation

What is “the opportunity for public comment?”

- This is your actual notice to the public of your Phase 1 application, in accordance with the streamlined citizen participation requirements of the NOFA.
- How should it be formatted? What’s included? (Check with Jessie – not sure she approved my answer on this one)

Introducing... the MID-URN Checklist!

Live demo



NDRC Resources

Quick link: <http://hud.gov/resilience>

Resilience-related resources:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/cdbg-dr/resilient-recovery/>

<https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/community-resilience>

Fact Sheet:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=NDRCFactSheetFINAL.pdf>

NDRC NOFA posted on Grants.gov :

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Competition infographic:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=ndr-comp-infographic.pdf>

Submit NDRC questions to: resilientrecovery@hud.gov

NDRC NOFA And Resilience Webinar Series: <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/ndrc-webinar-series/>

Questions?

