



# Fact Sheet

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

### WHAT IS CDBG-DR?

When the President declares a major disaster, Congress may appropriate funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) when there are significant unmet needs for long-term recovery.

### HOW CAN CDBG-DR FUNDS BE USED?

The special appropriation provides funds to the most impacted and distressed areas for:

- Disaster Relief.
- Long Term-Recovery.
- Restoration of Infrastructure.
- Housing.
- Economic Revitalization.

### HOW CAN I/MY COMMUNITY APPLY FOR CDBG-DR FUNDS?

Individuals nor communities can apply for funds. HUD will notify eligible States, cities and counties if they are eligible to receive CDBG-DR grants. HUD allocates funds based on unmet recovery needs. Each CDBG-DR award/allocation method is published in a Federal Register Notice, which also contains information on:

- Eligible Recovery Activities.
- Program Requirements, including distribution of funds to be spent in low and moderate income communities.
- Appropriation Specific Waivers and Alternative Requirements.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDING?

Members of the public impacted by a disaster cannot receive CDBG-DR funds directly from HUD. Funds are awarded to state and local governments which become grantees. Those who receive grant money include state agencies, non-profit organizations, economic development agencies, citizens and businesses.

### CAN CDBG-DR FUNDS BE COMBINED WITH OTHER FEDERAL ASSISTANCE?

CDBG-DR funding supplements other Federal recovery assistance programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Small Business Administration (SBA), and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). CDBG-DR funds cannot duplicate funding available from federal, state or local governments, private and non-profit organizations, insurance proceeds, or any other source of assistance. CDBG-DR funds may also be used to match other federal resources and can also be used in combination with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Social Services Block Grants (SSBGs).

## **WHEN ARE CDBG-DR FUNDS DISTRIBUTED?**

Before cities, counties and states can begin utilizing CDBG-DR funds (expenditure) several steps must be completed to include creation of a disaster recovery web page, Action Plan approval, applicable environmental reviews and the execution of a grant agreement with HUD.

## **WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ON GRANTEES AND THEIR PROGRAMS?**

Information on all CDBG-DR active grants and grantee information can be found at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/cdbg-dr-grantee-contact-information/>, or you can call 202-708-3587 to speak with a HUD representative. To find out more information on a specific grantee's program please visit the grantee's official website. Their homepage will allow you to navigate to information on all disaster recovery activities as well as the published Action Plan.

## **CAN CITIZENS DECIDE HOW CDBG-DR FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED AND USED?**

Citizen participation is both encouraged and required throughout the CDBG-DR grant process. Each grantee's Action Plan must include a Citizen Participation Plan which describes how the public will be informed and engaged throughout the grant's lifecycle.

- Prior to approval by HUD, the grantee's Action Plan for disaster recovery is posted for public comment. This allows citizens, affected local governments and other interested parties an opportunity to provide comments. All comments on the Action Plan or any substantial amendment, received orally or in writing, will be considered. Afterwards the approved Action Plan along with any changes or updates will be displayed on the grantee's disaster recovery web page.
- The details on each recovery program with links to all action plans, citizen participation requirements, performance reports, contracts, program availability, requirements and quarterly progress reports are available on the grantee's disaster recovery web page.
- Grantees may also provide information through electronic mailings, press releases, statements by public officials, media advertisements, public service announcements and neighborhood organizations to include those which perform outreach to populations disproportionately impacted by a disaster such as senior citizens, persons with disabilities and those with low and moderate incomes.
- All information must be available in an accessible format for persons with disabilities or Limited-English Proficiency (LEP) in languages appropriate for the geographic area served by the jurisdiction.

## **WHAT IF I HAVE A COMPLAINT ABOUT CDBG-DR ACTIVITIES IN MY COMMUNITY?**

First contact the grantee. Each grantee's website must contain information on how to submit a complaint. Grantees must provide a timely written response to every citizen complaint. If you are unsure of how to submit a complaint contact your local HUD office for assistance. HUD's local office directory can be found at

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/field\\_policy\\_mgt/localoffices](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/field_policy_mgt/localoffices)