

# New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

## SUPERSTORM SANDY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DISASTER RECOVERY

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### ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBER 61

#### NON-SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

- Clarification to the Resilient NJ Program

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## **Non-Substantial Action Plan Amendment Number Sixty-One to Superstorm Sandy Disaster Relief Appropriation, Public Law 113-2, 2013**

### **I. Overview**

The purpose of this Action Plan Amendment (APA) Number 61 is to update the description of the Resilient NJ program.

This amendment is considered non-substantial since these clarifications and additions do not involve a new allocation or transfer/re-allocation of funds above the threshold between programs, do not create a new program, and do not change program beneficiaries or eligibility criteria. The amendment process follows the guidance in the applicable Federal Register notice related to non-substantial amendments and will be posted on the DCA website in accordance with HUD requirements.

### **II. Action Plan Modification**

The Resilient NJ Program was established through the 2014 Community Development Block Grant – National Disaster Resilience Competition (CDBG-NDR). Resilient NJ was created to support multi-municipal regions understand and address vulnerabilities due to increased flood risk and to develop a toolkit of best practices.

Recognizing a continued unmet need to further coordinate and facilitate local government action on resilience, community outreach and engagement, and implementation of resilience activities in the Resilient NJ regions, this planning program was funded with \$4.8 million in CDBG-DR funds through Action Plan Amendment #46. The initial effort took place in four multi-municipal regions throughout New Jersey's nine (9) Sandy MID counties. Following the success of the regional and planning support grants, Resilient NJ has grown into a comprehensive climate resilience planning, guidance, and technical assistance program set up to support local and regional climate resilience planning. The program was given another \$5 million in Action Plan Amendment #53. The funding was designed to allow the program to further its goals in both the Sandy designated counties as well as the overlapping counties designated as MID following Tropical Storm Ida: Bergen County, Essex County, Hudson County, Middlesex County, and Union County. However, because the program is no longer funded with CDBG-DR funds related to Tropical Storm Ida, there is no need to limit the program to only the overlapping counties. Therefore, the State will modify the Resilient NJ program description to clarify that the program will solicit applications from regional teams statewide.

Funds will be used to provide technical and planning assistance to regional teams to develop Regional Resilience and Adaptation Action Plans that identify and prioritize local and regional actions to promote social, economic, and ecological recovery, and resilience to current and future climate impacts through robust community engagement.