

# New Jersey

## Department of Community Affairs

### SUPERSTORM SANDY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY

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78 Fed. Reg. 14329; March 5, 2013  
78 Fed. Reg. 69104; November 18, 2013  
79 Fed. Reg. 62182; October 16, 2014



#### ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBER 62 SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

- **Transferring surplus CDBG-DR funds to the Rebuild by Design Program.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 7, 2025 to December 8, 2025  
DATE SUBMITTED TO HUD: December 11, 2025  
DATE APPROVED BY HUD: January 28, 2026

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## SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

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New Jersey (“State”) received approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for the State’s Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) Superstorm Sandy Action Plan on April 29, 2013. The Action Plan described the State’s allocation of \$1,829,520,000 in first-round CDBG-DR funding, granted by HUD, in support of New Jersey’s recovery efforts. The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) was chosen to administer this CDBG-DR grant. Since that time, HUD has approved 61 amendments. Included in these amendments is Substantial Amendment 7, which details the allocation of \$1,463,000,000 in second-round CDBG-DR funds across Sandy recovery programs.

On October 16, 2014, HUD allocated \$881,909,000 in third (and final) round CDBG-DR funds to New Jersey, \$380 million of which was allocated in connection with HUD’s Rebuild by Design (“RBD”) initiative, and is detailed in Action Plan Amendments #12, 20, 22 and 25. Substantial Amendment 11 designates the remaining, third-round, Sandy CDBG-DR allocation of \$501,909,000 for unmet recovery needs.

This **Action Plan Amendment 62 (“APA 62”)** is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with 84 Fed. Reg. 4386 (February 29, 2019), and with the State’s Action Plan, as it reallocates more than \$10 million in Sandy CDBG-DR funding.

APA 62 is available in English and Spanish through DCA’s website, <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/>, and can be requested by email at [DisasterRecoveryandMitigation@dca.nj.gov](mailto:DisasterRecoveryandMitigation@dca.nj.gov) (Subject: Action Plan Amendment 62), or by contacting the Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Constituent Services at 609-292-3750. To obtain a translated copy in a language other than Spanish, please contact Tina Williams, the language access plan (LAP) coordinator, at 609-913-4247 or [Tina.Williams@dca.nj.gov](mailto:Tina.Williams@dca.nj.gov). For hearing-impaired users, text telephone service is available at (TTY/TDD) 1-800-852-7899.

The public comment period for APA 62 was open from 9 a.m. on November 7, 2025, to 5 p.m. on December 8, 2025.

## SECTION 2: FUNDING TRANSFERS

### Transfer of Funds to the Rebuild by Design Projects

DCA is updating its Action Plan to transfer surplus CDBG-DR program funds to the Rebuild by Design (RBD) Program. Due to unexpected costs during the construction phase of the RBD Meadowlands and Hudson River Projects, the Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) anticipates a funding shortfall of approximately \$30,000,000 in the Projects’ respective budgets. Therefore, in order to meet the needs of the communities served by the RBD Meadowlands and Hudson River Projects, \$5,000,000 will be transferred to RBD Meadowlands and \$25,000,000 will be transferred to RBD Hudson River to supplement the construction phases of these Projects.

### Transfer of Funds to the RBD Meadowlands Project

The Rebuild by Design Meadowlands Project has an unmet need of \$5,000,000. DCA is transferring surplus funds from the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation Program (RREM), Atlantic City Resilience Program, Energy Resilience Bank, Landlord Rental Repair Program, and Small Business Loans to meet this need.

The RBD Meadowlands Project is constructing two pump stations in the Meadowlands region: The Liberty Street Pump Station and Force Main Project (“LSPS/FM”) and the East Riser Ditch Pump Station (“ERDPS”). The pump stations’ budgets are currently experiencing a shortfall of approximately \$5,000,000 due to replacements and/or relocations of subsurface utilities needed to construct these projects. This work necessitated contract extensions for the Construction Management Firm and the Engineer of Record, contributing, along with property acquisition and easement costs, to the funding deficit.

Therefore, the Project’s budget will be supplemented by surplus CDBG-DR funding as follows:

| RBD Meadowlands Transfer   |                              |
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| Explanation  | Amount                       |
| <b>Balance</b>   | \$149,711,765                |
| Transfer from RREM   | +\$518,810.68 <sup>a</sup>   |
| Transfer from Atlantic City Resilience Program   | +\$3,511,861.68 <sup>b</sup> |
| Transfer from Energy Resilience Bank   | +\$823,699.60 <sup>b</sup>   |
| Transfer from Landlord Rental Repair Program   | +\$15,000.000 <sup>b</sup>   |
| Transfer from Small Business Loans   | +\$130,628.04 <sup>b</sup>   |
| <b>Total Budget</b>  | <b>\$154,711,765</b>         |
| <sup>a</sup> This amount includes \$119,445.45 in surplus created by the expenditure of program income in RREM.<br><sup>b</sup> These amounts constitute surplus created in these programs by the expenditure of program income. |                              |

## Transfer of Funds to the RBD Hudson River Project

The Rebuild by Design Hudson River Project has an unmet need of \$25,000,000. DCA is transferring surplus funds from the Homeowner Assistance and Recovery Program (HARP), Neighborhood Enhancement Program, and RREM to meet this need. This includes removing the balance of unspent Sandy funding from the Homeowner Assistance and Recovery Program (HARP). There is sufficient Ida CDBG-DR funding to satisfy the HARP applicant pool. As it is now unfunded, it will be removed from the Sandy Action Plan.

The RBD Hudson River Project incurred unanticipated costs in the construction of the Resist Contract stemming from newly-identified field conditions such as subsurface utilities, necessitating realignments and water main upgrades. Reimbursement costs for the City of Hoboken's traffic planning and police traffic control measures for the Project further added to this shortfall. Additional unanticipated costs also included the extension of Construction Management Firm & Engineer of Record work orders for supplemental oversight and design efforts.

As such, the Project's budget will be supplemented by surplus CDBG-DR funding as follows:

| RBD Hudson River Transfer                      |               |
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| Explanation                                    | Amount        |
| <b>Balance</b>                                 | \$285,288,235 |
| Transfer from HARP                             | +\$23,500,000 |
| Transfer from Neighborhood Enhancement Program | +\$502,626    |
| Transfer from RREM                             | +\$997,374    |
| <b>Total Budget</b>                            | \$310,288,235 |

## SECTION 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

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As required by HUD, this proposed substantial amendment, APA 62 was made available for public comment over a period of at least thirty days. Commenters could submit comments to this proposed amendment (i) via email to [DisasterRecoveryandMitigation@dca.nj.gov](mailto:DisasterRecoveryandMitigation@dca.nj.gov) (Subject: APA 62); or (ii) via U.S. mail. All comments were given the same amount of consideration regardless of the method of submission.

The State reviews all public comments provided during the comment period and, per HUD guidelines, will synthesize public comments submitted regarding this proposed amendment. The State then includes written responses to those comments as part of the final amendment submitted to HUD for review and approval.

DRM notes that it did receive one comment in response to APA 60 to note dissatisfaction with the reallocation to the Rebuild by Design program when there are outstanding homeowner needs resulting from Hurricane Ida. DRM will take the comment under advisement as it weighs potential future reallocations. DRM received no public comments in response to this amendment.