

# New Jersey

## Department of Community Affairs

SUPERSTORM SANDY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DISASTER  
RECOVERY

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### ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBER 45

**NON-SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**

- Clarifying the Use of Administrative Funds
- Transferring Funds to the Fund for the Restoration of Multi-Family Development
- Transferring Funds to the Neighborhood and Community Revitalization Program
- Transferring Funds to the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation Program

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

**I. Overview**

The purpose of this Action Plan Amendment (APA) Number 45 is to acknowledge the State's intent to use administrative funds from the Superstorm Sandy Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) allocation for use in the administration of Hurricane Ida CDBG-DR funds. This amendment also transfers funds to the Fund for the Restoration for Multi-Family Development, the Neighborhood and Community Revitalization Program and the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation Program.

**II. Use of Administrative Funds Across Multiple Grants**

**A. Authority for Use of Administrative Funds Across Multiple Grants**

Federal Register (FR) Notice 6326-N-01(III)(A)(2) authorizes special treatment of grant administration funds. Grantees who have received multiple CDBG-DR grants may use eligible administrative funds appropriated by these acts for the cost of administering any CDBG-DR grant without regard for the particular disaster appropriation from which such funds originated.

A grantee exercising its authority under FR Notice 6326-N-01(III)(A)(2) must ensure that financial controls are in place to avoid exceeding the above restrictions, review and if necessary, modify its financial management procedures regarding tracking and accounting for administration funds, and address the adoption of this authorization in its Financial Management and Grant Compliance submissions.

**B. State Intent to Use Superstorm Sandy CDBG-DR Administrative Funds for Hurricane Ida CDBG-DR Administration.**

The State has been granted CDBG-DR funds for both Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Ida, making the State eligible to use administrative funds across multiple grants. The State intends to use Superstorm Sandy CDBG-DR administrative funds in the administration of the Hurricane Ida CDBG-DR funds.

The State will take the following actions to reflect the change:

- The State will update its policies and procedures to reflect the new use of Sandy administrative funds and to reiterate that no more than 5% of each grant award, plus program income, is spent for the purpose of administration.
- The State will revise the Consolidated Action Plan, including Sections 3.3 (Administration and Staffing) and 4.7 (Administration and Planning).

- The State has developed new projections and outcomes to capture the reallocations described in Action Plan Amendment 44 and to demonstrate the new intended use of funds.

## Administrative Expense Projection

(All number in whole USD's)

Description	Amount	Comments
Admin Expended as of May 27th, 2022	187,150,985	
Remaining allocation Pre APA-44	12,911,749	
Previous forecast	200,062,734	Anticipated grant end date: 09/30/2023
	9,892,177	Amount needed for 2-year Sandy extension plus Ida efforts
Updated Forecast as of June 2022	209,954,911	

The State will comply with all relevant restrictions on this authorization and will ensure that the necessary measures are in place to ensure the appropriate use of funds.

### III. Action Plan Modification

#### A. Transfer of Funds to the Fund for the Restoration of Multi-Family Housing

Table A: Transfer of Funds to Fund for Restoration of Multi-Family Housing			
Approved New Jersey Plan Program	Activity Previous Allocation	Amount of Transfer	Activity Revised Allocation
Special Needs Housing	\$59,448,511	(\$2,000,000)	\$57,448,511
Fund For Restoration of Multi-Family Housing	\$661,331,203	\$2,000,000	\$663,331,203

The Fund for the Restoration of Multi-Family Housing, administered by the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA), provides multiple funding mechanisms to facilitate the creation of quality, affordable housing units to help New Jersey recover from the loss of multi-family housing. One of the program’s objectives is to provide the necessary resources to support Public Housing Authority (PHA) recovery projects. The State proposes to reallocate \$2 million to further assist Public Housing Authority projects and allow remaining projects to reach completion.

The funds are provided from a surplus in the Sandy Special Needs Housing Fund and do not affect the ability of that program to meet its obligations.

**B. Transfer of Funds to the Neighborhood and Community Revitalization Program**

Table B: Transfer of Funds to Neighborhood & Community Revitalization			
Approved New Jersey Plan Program	Activity Previous Allocation	Amount of Transfer	Activity Revised Allocation
Non-Federal Cost-share (Match)-FHWA	\$68,125,845	(\$557,770)	\$67,568,075
Stronger NJ Business Grants Program	\$74,749,536	(\$247,727)	\$74,501,809
LMI Homeowners Rebuilding Program	\$51,359,800	(\$494,503)	\$50,865,297
Neighborhood & Community Revitalization	\$72,749,656	\$1,300,000	\$74,049,656

The Neighborhood and Community Revitalization (NCR) Program has invested in municipal projects through two initiatives: Streetscape projects and the Development & Public Improvement (D&I) projects. The Streetscape projects are funded with grants of up to \$1.5 million to support projects such as street lighting, sidewalks, and landscaping in the nine most impacted counties. The NCR D&I projects include larger scale planned physical improvements that contribute to the revitalization of Sandy-damaged areas. The State proposes to reallocate \$1.3 million to cover operational costs associated with winding down the program.

The funds are provided from small surpluses in the Federal Highway Administration Match Program, the Stronger NJ Business Grants Program, and the LMI Homeowners Rebuilding Program and do not affect the ability of those programs to meet their obligations.

**C. Transfer of Funds to the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation (RREM) Program**

<b>Table C: Transfer of Funds to Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation Program</b>			
<b>Approved New Jersey Plan Program</b>	<b>Activity Previous Allocation</b>	<b>Amount of Transfer</b>	<b>Activity Revised Allocation</b>
<b>Resettlement</b>	\$202,840,024	(\$27,920)	\$202,812,104
<b>Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation Program</b>	\$1,348,505,500	\$27,920	\$1,348,533,420

The RREM Program was created as the State’s flagship housing recovery program to provide grant awards to eligible homeowners for activities necessary to repair storm-damaged homes. RREM has completed nearly 7,000 projects and disbursed almost \$950 million to eligible homeowners. The program will use the credit transferred from the now-closed Resettlement Program to assist the remaining RREM projects to reach completion.