

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)
Hurricane Ida Recovery Action Plan
Pursuant to Federal Register Notice FR-6326-N-01

Please take notice that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will hold two public hearings to solicit public comments on the State's Action Plan to allocate and utilize \$228,346,000 in CDBG-DR funding to support recovery efforts following Hurricane Ida.

This Action Plan outlines the proposed use of the CDBG-DR funds and eligible activities available to help impacted counties meet unmet housing, infrastructure, planning, and other needs that have resulted from the effects of Hurricane Ida. Specifically, this plan aims to promote and ensure fair access to housing for all residents, create new housing initiatives for both rental properties and owner-occupied properties, expand sustainable homeownership opportunities for low-to moderate-income persons, and strengthen neighborhoods impacted by Hurricane Ida by investing in infrastructure. In addition, the Action Plan describes how CDBG-DR funds will be targeted toward and meet the needs of vulnerable communities, including those with low to moderate income, limited English proficiency, racially and ethnically concentrated communities, and individuals experiencing homelessness.

The State proposes to allocate \$152 million to housing programs that help homeowners restore their storm-damaged homes; supplement rental housing costs for low-income rental families impacted by Hurricane Ida; provide zero interest forgivable loans to owners of rental properties requiring rehabilitation as a result of storm damages; subsidize the development of resilient and affordable housing in lower flood risk areas; and buyout residential properties located in flood prone areas. An additional \$1 million is proposed to provide supportive services such as housing counseling and legal aid to renters and homeowners impacted by Hurricane Ida.

The State also proposes to allocate \$58 million to infrastructure programs that help impacted communities become more resilient to current and future natural hazards, protect publicly funded recovery investments in impacted communities,

and fund the non-federal cost share for State and local facilities eligible under FEMA's Public Assistance program.

The State additionally proposes to allocate \$6 million to planning programs that develop a Statewide Housing Mitigation Strategy Tool to assess the housing stock in disaster-impacted and at-risk areas and that build on the existing efforts of Resilient NJ, a comprehensive climate resilience planning, guidance, and technical assistance program set up following Superstorm Sandy to support local and regional climate resilience planning.

The public hearings will be held:

Thursday, September 8, 2022 (6:00pm – 8:00pm)
Manville High School
School Auditorium
1100 Brooks Boulevard
Manville, NJ 08835

Monday, September 12, 2022 (6:00pm – 8:00pm)
New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)
Campus Center Ballroom, Second Floor
150 Bleeker Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Those interested in speaking at the public hearings will be given up to three minutes. The hearing dates, times, and locations are subject to change due to inclement weather conditions. Information regarding any change in the hearing schedule will be posted at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/> at least two hours before the scheduled start time of the hearings. Residents who need accessibility accommodations are advised to contact DCA at DisasterRecoveryandMitigation@dca.nj.gov to ensure full availability of services.

The public comment period on the Hurricane Ida Recovery Action Plan will begin August 17, 2022. Residents may also submit their comments in writing at the public hearings, through the [DCA website](#), by email to DisasterRecoveryandMitigation@dca.nj.gov or by mail to the attention of Constituent Services, Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation, NJ Department

of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 823, Trenton, NJ 08625-0823. All comments must be received on or before 5:00 pm EST on September 16, 2022, to be considered.

To download a copy of the Hurricane Ida Recovery Action Plan, visit <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/plansreports/index.shtml> or request a copy at the above-mentioned address. The Action Plan is available in English and Spanish.