



City of Philadelphia

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Legislation Text

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Approving a Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2022-2026 and Annual Action Plan 2022-2023 to add \$163,204,000 in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") funding, all under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, In accordance with Council's adoption of Bill No. 220509 (approved June 23, 2022), the City has filed applications for various forms of United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") funding, as set forth in the City's *Consolidated Plan 2022-2026* and *Annual Action Plan 2022-2023*; and

WHEREAS, Congress appropriated Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds through the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-43) and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-180) to HUD to address housing, infrastructure, and economic revitalization needs resulting from disasters and to implement mitigation strategies to prevent damage from future disasters; and

WHEREAS, On May 24, 2022, HUD allocated \$98,701,000 in CDBG-DR funds and on January 18, 2023, HUD allocated an additional \$64,503,000 in CDBG-DR funds for a total of \$163,204,000 in CDBG-DR funds to the City of Philadelphia to advance long term disaster recovery after the remnants of Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, The City has prepared a Draft CDBG-DR Action Plan in accordance with CDBG-DR guidance (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), now, therefore,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEEBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. A Substantial Amendment to the *Consolidated Plan 2022-2026* and *Annual Action Plan 2022-2023* to add \$163,204,000 in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") funding, as set forth and more fully described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is hereby approved.

Exhibit A
City of Philadelphia
*Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2022-2026 and
Annual Action Plan 2022-2023*
CDBG-DR Allocation

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated the City of Philadelphia a total of \$163,204,000 in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds through the publication of the Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 100, May 24, 2022 and Federal Register, Vol. 88, No. 11, January 18, 2023. This allocation was made available through the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-43) and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-180). CDBG-DR funding is designed to address needs that remain after all other assistance has been exhausted.

To fulfill the requirements of this allocation, the City was required to submit a Draft CDBG-DR Action Plan that identifies its unmet recovery and mitigation needs. This Draft CDBG-DR Action Plan outlines proposed uses of CDBG-DR funds and eligible activities available to assist impacted areas in meeting unmet housing, infrastructure, planning, and economic revitalization needs resulting from Hurricane Ida's impacts. Specifically, this plan aims to promote and ensure fair access to housing for low-to-moderate income residents and strengthen neighborhoods impacted by the disaster by investing in housing, infrastructure, public facilities, along with public services and planning. In addition, the Draft CDBG-DR 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 City published the Draft CDBG-DR Action Plan on its website on July 14, 2023. City staff received over 80 public comments during the 30-day public comment period ending on August 15, 2023, all of which are addressed in the Draft CDBG-DR Action Plan submitted to HUD. Per the Federal Register’s approach for CDBG-DR grantees with allocations under \$500 million, the City convened two public hearings on August 8, 2023. The City submitted its Draft CDBG-DR Action Plan to HUD on August 21, 2023.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT BUDGET

CDBG-DR Budget Allocation - \$163,204,000

Category	Program	Budget	HUD Identified MID Budget (%)	Percent of Allocation (%)
Housing	Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$42,138,100	100%	26%
Housing	Rental Rehabilitation and Repair	\$10,000,000	100%	6%
Economic Revitalization	Business Grants	\$5,000,000	100%	3%
Infrastructure	Infrastructure Restoration and Improvements	\$52,138,100	100%	32%
Mitigation	Mitigation and Resiliency Improvements	\$15,287,000	100%	9%
Mitigation	Non-Federal Cost Share	\$6,000,000	100%	4%
Public Services	Housing Counseling	\$1,000,000	100%	1%
Public Services	Workforce Training	\$2,000,000	100%	1%
Administration	Administration	\$8,160,200	100%	5%

Planning	Planning	\$21,480,600	100%	13%
Total		\$163,204,000	100%	100%

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City convened two public hearings on the Draft CDBG-DR Action Plan after being posted on its website for public comment and prior to submission to HUD.

The In-person CDBG-DR Hearing was held on:

DATE: Tuesday, August 8th, 2023

TIME: 10am-12pm

LOCATION: 1234 Market St., 17th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107

The Virtual CDBG-DR Hearing was held on:

DATE: Tuesday, August 8th, 2023

TIME: 6pm-8pm

Those unable to participate could email written, signed comments by Tuesday, August 15th to CDBG-DR@phila.gov <<mailto:CDBG-DR@phila.gov>> or mail them to the following address:

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Office of the Director of Finance
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Philadelphia, PA 19102
RE: CDBG-DR Hearings