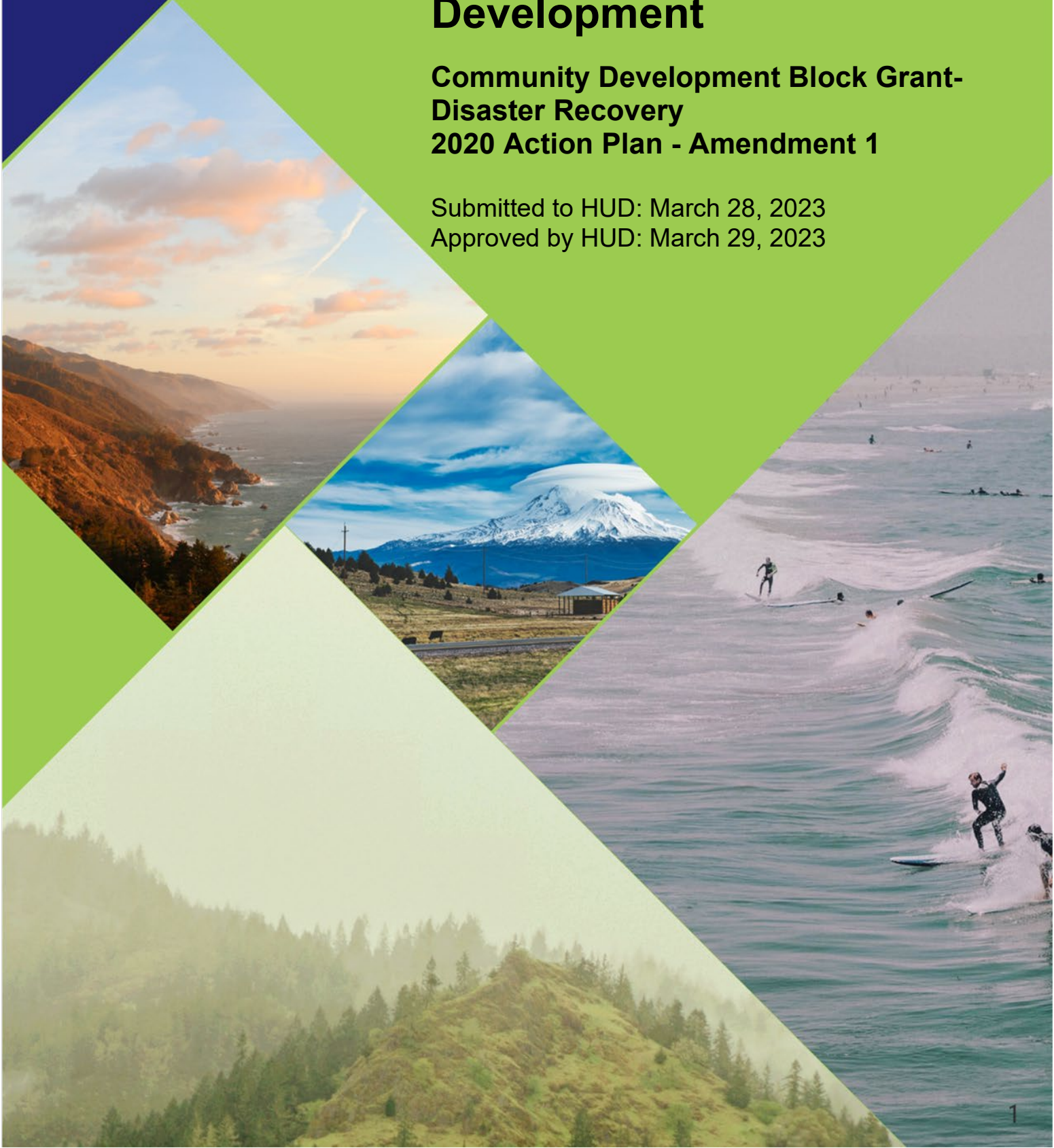




California Department of Housing and Community Development

Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery 2020 Action Plan - Amendment 1

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I. Background and Summary of Changes

On February 3, 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated \$231,203,000 in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to the State of California to support California’s unmet recovery needs related to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Major Disaster Declarations DR-4558 and DR-4569 through the publication of the Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 23, February 3, 2022 (87 FR 6364). This allocation was made available through Public Law 117-43.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) manages CDBG-DR funds in accordance with the goals and objectives set forth in the state’s initial HUD-approved Action Plan for 2020 disasters (“20DR-Action Plan”).

This is a non-substantial Action Plan Amendment as it *does not* involve a funding change, create a new program, or change the program’s beneficiaries. This Amendment provides a technical clarification for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (OOR) Program. As the OOR Program has developed and specific revitalization projects have been identified to meet the critical pressing and unmet needs, it has become evident that clarifying language is needed to describe its intended activities more accurately.

In this non-substantial amendment for Action Plan Amendment 1 (APA 1), the State of California proposes one change to the:

- **Owner Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program (OOR) Program:** APA 1 proposes a change to the maximum amount of assistance that an applicant can from the mitigation set-aside in their CDBG-DR award for mitigation activities that cover home hardening costs that bring property into compliance with Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) building and development codes.

II. Action Plan Amendments

A. Summary of Changes

1. Owner Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

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Program Maximum Assistance

Assistance is provided in the form of a grant award to qualifying applicants for the rehabilitation or reconstruction of their primary residence. HCD’s construction management vendor enters into an

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agreement with the property owner and manages and performs all rehabilitation or reconstruction activities, as well as mitigation activities included within the contract scope of work. The award is provided in increments as construction and mitigation activities are completed.

The maximum amount of assistance available for rehabilitation or reconstruction is \$500,000 per damaged structure after applying any duplication of benefits reductions. Reconstruction is permissible where the total cost of rehabilitation is greater than the cost to reconstruct or where rehabilitation is otherwise technically infeasible. Reconstruction is defined as the rebuilding of a structure on the same site in substantially the same manner. A reconstructed property must not increase the number of dwellings on site, although the number of rooms may increase or decrease.

Remove: In addition to the grant award for rehabilitation or reconstruction, the mitigation set-aside will assist in covering home hardening costs to include the cost of WUI construction codes; the set-aside is available in amounts not to exceed 10 percent of each applicant's rehabilitation or reconstruction CDBG-DR award.

Replace: In addition to the grant award for rehabilitation or reconstruction, the mitigation set-aside will assist in covering home hardening costs to include the cost of WUI construction codes. The maximum amount of assistance available for the mitigation set-aside is \$50,000 per damaged structure.