CDBG-DR Action Plan for 2018 Wildfires

Virtual Public Meeting

March 2020
Today's Virtual Public Hearing

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• Type your questions and comments into the "Questions" feature in the webinar controls.
• HCD will respond to as many as possible during the webinar or will respond in writing to any questions not covered today.

For participants on the phone:
• Please email any questions or comments and email them to DisasterRecovery@hcd.ca.gov.
Agenda

• Introductions
• Goals and Objectives
• Disaster Funding Overview
• HUD CDBG-DR Action Plan
  – Unmet Needs Analysis
  – Recovery Program Types
  – Timelines and Next Steps
• Q&A
Goals and Objectives

• Provide an overview of Community Development Block Grant: Disaster Recovery requirements and timeline
• Provide an understanding of the unmet recovery needs analysis
• Provide an overview of recovery program types
• Discuss program timeline
Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

**Mission:** Provides leadership, policies, and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians.

- Grants and funding
- Mobile home registration
- Building standards
- Planning and community development
- Policy and research
Funding and Disaster Overview
HUD Disaster Recovery Funding

Federal
- HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

State
- CA HCD

DR-Grants
- 2017 CDBG-DR ($212M)
- 2017 CDBG-Mitigation ($88M)
- 2018 CDBG-DR ($1.2B)

Funds DR For:
- Pocket, Tubbs, Nuns, Atlas, Redwood Valley, Sulpher, Cascade and Laporte, Lobo, McCourtney, Thomas, Creek, Rye, Lilac
- Camp, Carr, Mendocino Complex, Woolsey
Federal Disaster Recovery

The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) uses Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to support recovery from declared disasters and other related efforts.

- Appropriated through Congress
- Grants and funding awarded to State
- Requirements set for each award by Federal Notices
- 2018 disasters - $1.02 billion total
Available Funding

HUD allocated $1,017,399,000 in CDBG-DR funds to the State of California for disaster recovery efforts for 2018 wildfires

Primary purpose of funding:

• First, address unmet disaster related housing needs
• May also be used for unmet economic and infrastructure needs
Which disasters are covered by these funds?

FEMA 4382: July-September 2018 Fires

- Mendocino Complex Fire (Ranch and River Fires) - Lake County
- Carr Fire – Shasta County
Which disasters are covered by these funds?

**FEMA 4407:**
November 2018 Fires

- Camp Fire – Butte County
- Woolsey Fire – Los Angeles and Ventura counties
How does the state access these recovery funds?

• The state must submit an Action Plan to HUD, which contains:
  – Detailed point in time analysis of the unmet recovery needs based on a methodology provided by HUD.
  – Overview of the recovery programs proposed by the state

• The state is required to outline in the plan how all documented housing unmet recovery needs will be met with CDBG-DR funds or other funds.

• Action Plan is subject to 30-day public comment period
CDBG-DR Funding Requirements

• **Documented tie back to the disaster:** Everything funded by CDBG-DR must have a clear tie back to the disaster.

• **Duplication of Benefits:** CDBG-DR funds must address an identified unmet recovery need and cannot replace or duplicate other funding available to address the same need.
Purpose of CDBG-DR

Funding assistance for long-term disaster recovery:

• **Housing Recovery**: Must primarily consider and address unmet housing recovery needs
  – **Infrastructure** and **economic revitalization** needs may be proposed if there is no remaining unmet housing need

• **Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Requirements**: 80% of funding must address unmet needs within a HUD-identified MID: Butte, Lake, Los Angeles, and Shasta counties

• **Low- and Moderate-income benefit**: 70% of funds must benefit low- and moderate-income populations (individuals/households at/or below 80% of Area Median Income)
Low- and Moderate-Income Benefit

• Funding must primarily serve Low- and Moderate-Income Households.

• HUD calculates income by using a household’s total annual gross income and number of people living in the household. These limits change annually.

• Using this definition, Low- and Moderate-Income Households must earn under 80% of Area Median Income. Area Median Income is based on the median income of a County or Metropolitan Statistical Areas.
## HUD Fiscal Year 2019 Income Limits

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Timeline and Next Steps
2020 Action Plan Timeline

Present April 26, 2020
- DR Kick-off
- Engagement with local governments
- Unmet needs analysis
- Public outreach
- Public Hearings (Round 1)
- Proposed Action Plan development

April 27, 2020 June 2, 2020
- Proposed Action Plan released for 30-day public comment period
- Public Hearings (Round 2)
- Community and stakeholder Engagement
- Incorporate public comments into Action Plan

June 3, 2020
- Final Action Plan incorporating public comments due to HUD

July 18, 2020 and beyond
- HUD Action Plan approval due date
- Program implementation

Continuous engagement of citizens, counties and local governments
Next Steps – What can you do to stay involved?

1. **Sign up:** Make sure you have signed in for this webinar with your name and email address to facilitate future communications.

2. **Attend Public Meetings:** Round 2 of Public Meetings in May 2020. HCD will communicate schedules via e-mail.

3. **Submit a Public Comment:** [DisasterRecovery@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:DisasterRecovery@hcd.ca.gov) for all written comments.

4. **Provide feedback to HCD:** Draft Action Plan will be available for public comment on April 27, 2020 on [www.hcd.ca.gov](http://www.hcd.ca.gov). All public comments are addressed in the Action Plan prior to submission to HUD.
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