

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 23**

Approved by HUD May 21, 2019

Additions to: New York State Action Plan Incorporating Amendments 8-22

In sections: Proposed Allocation of Funds

Summary:

Action Plan Amendment 23 (APA 23) will address the following items:

- A. *Proposed Allocation of Funds:* Table and references to allocation amounts updated to reflect the reallocation of funds between programs.

Changes are indicated in **red** text.

A. Proposed Allocation of Funds

Description of changes: All updates associated with the proposed APA 23 allocation of funds will be made to the tables at page 6 and page 57 of the State's Action Plan. Allocation amounts to reflect this proposed reallocation will also be updated throughout the Action Plan wherever referenced.

As described in the State's Action Plan (Updated Impact and Unmet Needs Assessment, pg. 9), there remain unmet needs in all recovery categories of Housing, Economic Development, and Infrastructure. As applicants move through the Housing Program, the State assesses need based on the best available information to ensure that the allocations are sufficient to provide awards to eligible applicants. The proposed APA 23 allocation of funds considers the unmet needs analysis already identified in the State's Action Plan and the need of eligible applicants in its Housing programs.

The State has identified an increased need in the Interim Mortgage Assistance component of the NY Rising Housing program. Due to the unforeseen pervasiveness of contractor fraud and an unexpected number of particularly vulnerable applicants still displaced following Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee, existing applicants require more mortgage assistance than originally estimated. To meet this increased program need, funds are being reallocated from the State's Condominium and Cooperative Program, which will have no future funding requirements.

The State has also identified an increased need in the Homeowner and Rental Properties components of the NY Rising Housing program as more applicants have proceeded with home elevation than originally estimated and the cost of home elevation is proving to be greater than originally estimated at the early stages of the program. The cost of elevation awards has been deemed necessary and reasonable and the program has award caps. There has also been an increased cost of complying with the Uniform Relocation Assistance Act for the Rental Properties Program than originally estimated. In the interest of moving these programs toward closeout, funds are being reallocated from the State's Manufactured Home Community Resiliency Program and the Community Reconstruction Program to meet this increased program need. The remaining allocation for the Manufactured Home Community Resiliency Program will be sufficient to provide awards to eligible applicants but as applicants move through the program the State will continue to assess the need. The State will continue to monitor the progress of the projects in the Community Reconstruction Program and make adjustments to program commitments or identify state resources as necessary.

From pages 6 and 57 of the New York State Action Plan:

Program	APA 22 Allocation	APA 23 Change	Revised APA 23 Allocation
Total of All Programs	\$4,516,882,000		\$4,516,882,000
Housing	\$2,823,207,313	\$50,000,000	\$2,873,207,313
<i>NY Rising Homeowner Recovery Program</i>	\$1,773,277,424	\$50,000,000	\$1,823,277,424
<i>NY Rising Condominium & Cooperative Program</i>	\$34,000,000	(\$7,000,000)	\$27,000,000
<i>Interim Mortgage Assistance Program</i>	\$67,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$74,000,000
<i>NY Rising Buyout and Acquisition Program</i>	\$680,207,682		\$680,207,682
<i>NY Rising Rental Buildings Recovery Program</i>	\$232,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$235,000,000
Rental Properties	\$124,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$127,000,000
Multi-Family Affordable Housing	\$108,000,000		\$108,000,000
<i>Public Housing Assistance Relief Program</i>	\$16,722,207		\$16,722,207
<i>Manufactured Home Community Resiliency Program</i>	\$20,000,000	(\$3,000,000)	\$17,000,000
Economic Development	\$124,277,793		\$124,277,793
<i>Small Business Grants and Loans</i>	\$94,600,000		\$94,600,000
<i>Business Mentoring Program</i>	\$400,000		\$400,000
<i>Tourism and Marketing</i>	\$29,277,793		\$29,277,793
Community Reconstruction	\$587,432,794	(\$50,000,000)	\$537,432,794
<i>NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program</i>	\$587,432,794	(\$50,000,000)	\$537,432,794
Infrastructure and Match	\$576,120,000		\$576,120,000
<i>Local Government, Critical Infrastructure and Non-federal Share Match Program</i>	\$573,420,000		\$573,420,000
<i>Resiliency Institute for Storms and Emergencies</i>	\$2,700,000		\$2,700,000
Rebuild by Design	\$185,000,000		\$185,000,000
<i>Living with the Bay: Slow Streams</i>	\$125,000,000		\$125,000,000
<i>Living Breakwaters: Tottenville Pilot</i>	\$60,000,000		\$60,000,000
Administration & Planning	\$220,844,100		\$220,844,100

Public Comments

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) posted Action Plan Amendment 23 (APA 23) for public comment on February 8, 2019. At that time, GOSR began accepting comments on the website www.stormrecovery.ny.gov, as well as through the mail. A Public Hearing was also held in New York County on February 27, 2019. The comment period officially ended at 5 p.m. on March 10, 2019.

The legal notices of these hearings and the comment period were published in the NY Post as well as in three local non-English newspapers, El Diario (Spanish), Russkaya Reklama (Russian) and Sing Tao (Simplified Chinese).

This Amendment was made accessible to persons with disabilities upon request (by telephone or in writing). Translations of APA 23 were available in Simplified Chinese, Russian and Spanish, the three most commonly used languages in the storm affected areas of New York State based on an analysis of Census data for households with members five years or older with limited English proficiency.

GOSR received no comments related to APA 23.