

# Hurricane Ida Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan and Program Design

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Governor's Office of  
Storm Recovery

## What is in the Action Plan?

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A summary of key information, including vital information for potential applicants, contained in New York State's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Action Plan for Hurricane Ida, including:

- Disaster Impact
  - Unmet needs from the disaster
  - Mitigation needs in the disaster area
- Proposed Programs, including budgets and eligibility requirements

# Timeline



# Important Federal Requirements



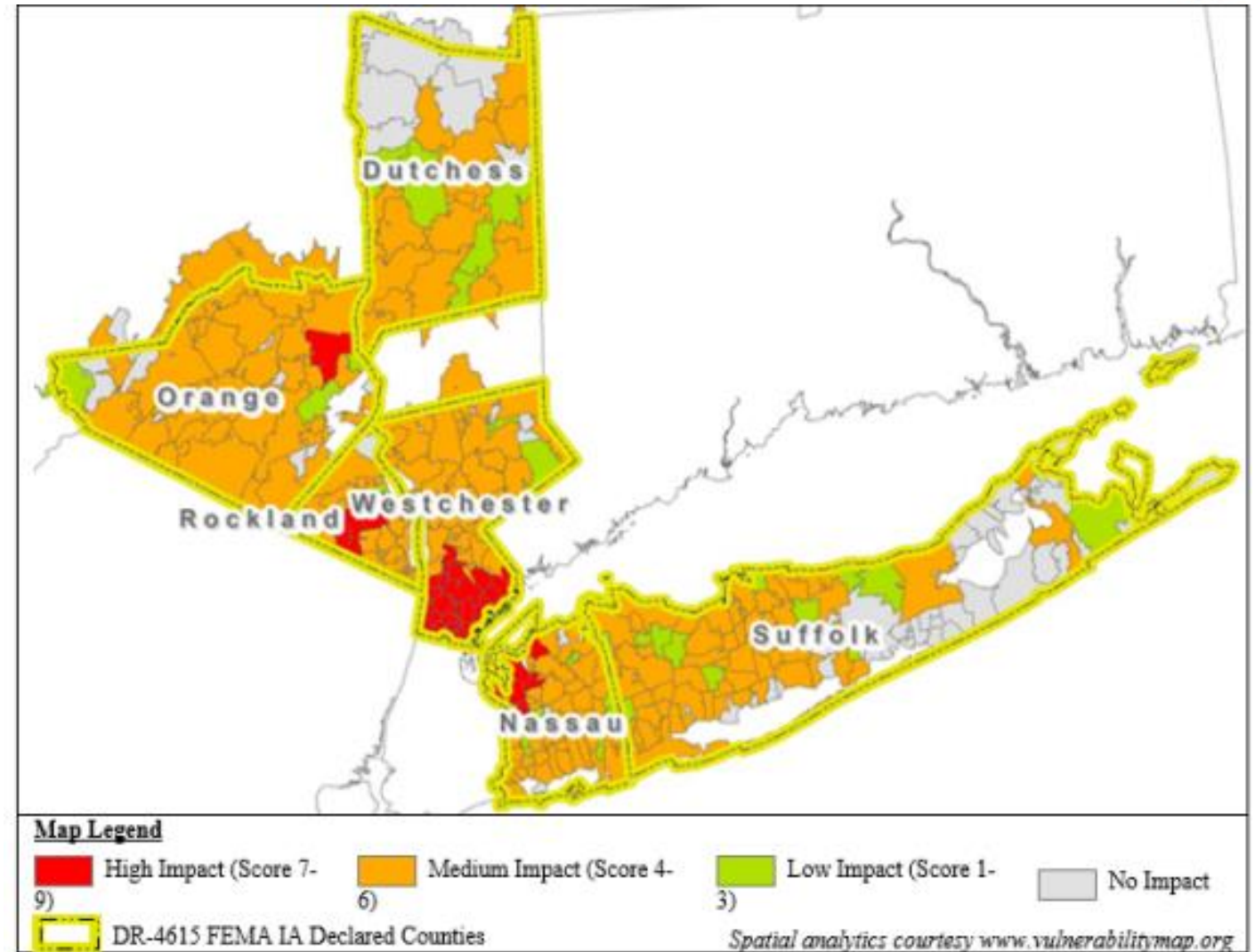
## Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas

HUD identified MID areas: Westchester County

NYS identified MID areas: Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Orange, Dutchess

80% of funds must be spent in HUD identified MID area (Westchester County)

Up to 20% of funds can be spent outside of Westchester County





**Low to Moderate Income (LMI) Benefits**

Required to spend 70% or more of grant benefiting LMI individuals

Area benefit – Infrastructure LMI census tracts/neighborhoods

**Westchester County:**

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person
\$77,650	\$88,750	\$99,850	\$110,900

**Nassau County:**

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person
\$81,400	\$93,000	\$104,650	\$116,250



# Renters Resilient Housing Incentive

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## Budget

\$18,780,000

## Program Highlights

- ☐ Assist renters to relocate from substandard housing
- ☐ Reimburse renters for relocation expenses
- ☐ 12-18 months of Relocation Assistance
- ☐ Up to \$100,000

## Eligibility Details

- Renter households in disaster-declared counties whose income is eighty percent (80%) or less than area median income (LMI) and who relocated for more than 12 months, or who desire to relocate, due to Ida's impact. In addition, at least one member of the household must be a U.S. Citizen or legal U.S. resident.
- Owners of one (1) to four (4) unit rental properties located within disaster-declared counties that are U.S. Citizens or legal U.S. residents who commit to reserving a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the units for occupancy by low- and moderate-income persons for a period no less than two (2) years following project completion.

## Award Details

- Initial relocation awards of eighteen (18) months of rental assistance for previously relocated households, and twelve (12) months of rental assistance for households who will relocate. Hardship process allows for additional rental assistance up to \$100,000 or the equivalent of forty-two (42) months of rental assistance.
- Assistance to eligible landlords is capped at \$125,000 per occupiable unit, based on need.



# Ida Housing Recovery and Reimbursement

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## **Budget**

\$8,171,250

## **Program Highlights**

- ☐ Repair flood damage
- ☐ Reimburse repair costs not covered by other sources
- ☐ Provide additional resiliency measures (elevate mechanicals, prevent sewage backflow)

## **Eligibility Details**

- Homeowners in a disaster-declared county whose primary residence was a one (1) or two (2) unit residence that sustained real property damage as a result of the storm.
- Owner must hold fee-simple title to the subject property.
- At least one member of the household must be a U.S. Citizen or legal U.S. resident.
- Household income is eighty percent (80%) or less than area median income (LMI) or are otherwise considered vulnerable populations. Priority processing will be given to LMI applicants.

## **Award Details**

The maximum amount of assistance available to an applicant is \$50,000. Applicants who were unable to access other forms of disaster recovery assistance and can document costs incurred prior to Program launch to complete eligible repairs may additionally receive reimbursement payments up to a maximum of \$30,000. Applicants may receive additional assistance up to the full reconstruction of the home provided the applicant has been unable to obtain other sources of assistance.



# Affordable Housing Resiliency Initiative

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## **Budget**

\$8,000,000

## **Program Highlights**

- ☐ Flood Protection and Emergency Response for multi-family housing
- ☐ Up to \$3 million per project

## **Eligibility details**

Public housing entities, housing developers, not-for-profit associations, or units of local government in the disaster area can apply to improve the resilience of multi-family affordable and/or public housing developments against identified hazards or repetitive loss events. Funds are made available through competitive and advertised Requests for Proposals (RFP). Scoring criteria include readiness to proceed, affordability and access, connection to mitigation needs, minimizing displacement and nexus to the storm. Eligible projects include floodproofing buildings, emergency generators, water retention systems and site Drainage Improvements

## **Awards**

Up to \$3,000,000 per project, subject to exceptions





# Resilient Investments through Support and Capital

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## **Budget**

\$4,000,000 (includes approximately \$3,000,000 of planning, \$1,000,000 mitigation)

## **Program Highlights**

- ☐ Planning and Infrastructure grants to local governments, non-profits, and community groups
- ☐ Intended to increase capacity to leverage other funding
- ☐ Up to \$200,000

## **Eligibility Details**

Units of local/County government; State agencies and authorities; public schools (K-12) and universities; first responders, including volunteer fire and EMS facilities; not-for-profit entities that serve communities within disaster-declared counties; or a consortium of any of the above. Funds are made available through competitive Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process. Scoring criteria include readiness to proceed, benefit to LMI and vulnerable populations, connection to mitigation needs, minimizing displacement and nexus to the storm.

## **Award Details**

GOSR may award grant funds up to \$200,000 per project, GOSR may elect to make an exception to the maximum award in order to allow high-scoring projects to proceed.

# Public Comment Period

GOSR has published the full action plan on <https://stormrecovery.ny.gov/> for a 30-day public comment period from August 29, 2022 to September 28, 2022. Citizens were notified through press releases and statements by public officials, including state legislators and local municipalities.

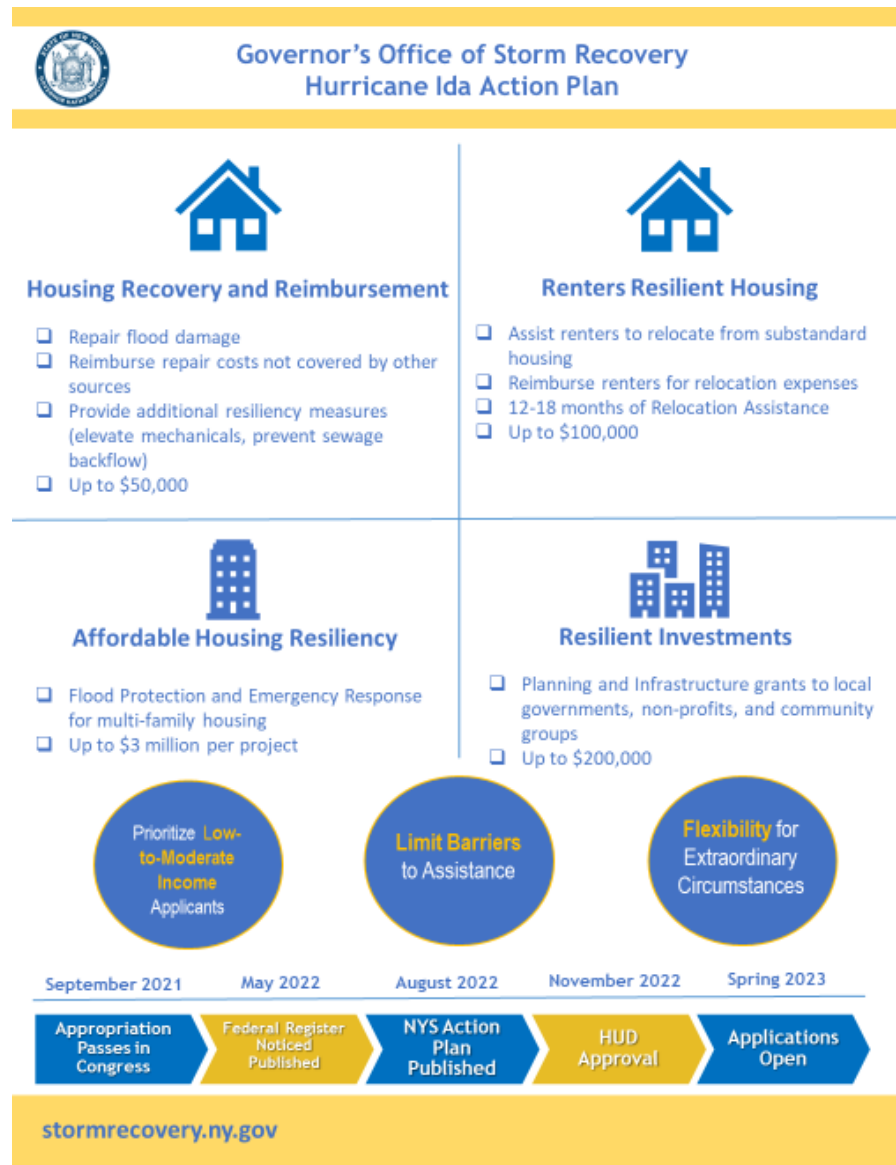
The State will receive comments via mail, email, or webform at:

Mail: Governor's Office of Storm Recovery  
60 Broad Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004

Website: <https://stormrecovery.ny.gov/>.

Email: [info@stormrecovery.ny.gov](mailto:info@stormrecovery.ny.gov)

Any updates or changes made to the Action Plan in response to public comments will be clearly identified in the Plan. Additionally, a summary of comments on the Plan or substantial amendment, and its corresponding response, will be uploaded in DRGR with the Action Plan.



# Website and Contact

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GOSR will maintain a comprehensive website regarding all disaster recovery activities assisted with these funds. The website will be updated in a timely manner to reflect the most up-to date information about the use of funds and any changes in policies and procedures, as necessary. At a minimum, updates will be made monthly.

The State will provide multiple methods of communications including, but not limited to, the public website, toll free numbers, email addresses, and TTY and relay services to provide applicants for recovery assistance with timely information to determine the status of their application.

Website: <https://stormrecovery.ny.gov/>

Email Address: [info@stormrecovery.ny.gov](mailto:info@stormrecovery.ny.gov)

Toll Free Number: 212-480-2321

TTY: 201-820-4004

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