

**State of Connecticut
Department of Housing**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

**Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery- Tranche 2
Owners of Infrastructure in Fairfield, New Haven, New London and Middlesex Counties**

Deadline for Submission of Applications: August 15, 2014

This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is directed to eligible applicants seeking assistance for the repair, replacement or adding resiliency to existing infrastructure.

Goals of this NOFA:

The State of Connecticut's primary goal in allocating funding for the rehabilitation and resiliency of infrastructure is to restore a suitable living environment in disaster impacted areas by rehabilitating or reconstructing existing infrastructure and to add resiliency to minimize damage from future storm events. DOH intends to make repairs and replacement in a manner that supports energy conservation/efficiency and responsible growth as well as transit oriented development.

Eligible Applicants:

Applicants must be an "Eligible Applicant" as defined by the HUD CDBG Program Regulations (Part 24-CFR.570) and modified by the Federal Register Notice (570.702) to include Entitlement Communities (Vol.78, No.43 Dated March 5, 2013 and any revisions) for example - Towns, Municipalities, Entitlement Communities, Eligible Sub-Recipients (570.501c). The preceding list is not exhaustive. Applicants may include, but are not limited to, owners of infrastructure. Joint Applications will be considered in instances where solving a shared problem requires mutual action.

Funding Amount:

The amount of funding to be made available under this NOFA is \$26,052,518. The minimum amount of funding that can be applied for is \$100,000, there is no maximum amount.

Funding Source:

The source of funding for this NOFA was authorized under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, which was signed into law by President Barack Obama on January 29, 2013. This allocation of the CDBG-DR funding to the State is intended for infrastructure needs in those counties and jurisdictions that were most severely impacted by Superstorm Sandy. The State is obligated to ensure that the processes, procedures, and fiscal and administrative controls it will use in the course of expending the funding are sufficient to safeguard the funding from waste, fraud and abuse.

Application Submission Requirements:

Applicants must utilize the CDBG-DR Application for Infrastructure. The Tranche 2 Application and the Program Guide are available on DOH's website (www.ct.gov/doh/site/default.asp).

The Description of Project section of the application, i.e., Section 1.7 must clearly describe all relevant aspects of the Project proposed, including, without limitation, all information necessary to evaluate that the Project Proposal satisfies the Selection Criteria described below.

An applicant may submit its application for funding under this NOFA either electronically or by submitting 2 hard copies in binders. Each applicant must choose only one method for submission and therefore may not submit one or more portions electronically and other portions in hard copy.

Schedule and Process:

Applications for funding under this NOFA may be emailed to elizabeth.swenson@ct.gov or will be accepted at the offices of the Department Of Housing, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-7106 until **August 15, 2014**. Mailed applications should be sent to the attention of **Gerardine Rice**. Prior to the submission deadline above, applicants may contact **Elizabeth Swenson** at **860-270-8054** or via email at elizabeth.swenson@ct.gov with any procedural or substance questions regarding this NOFA.

Funding Priorities:

All applications submitted under this NOFA will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria.

Whether the Program achieves one or more of the Goals (threshold):

1. The ability of the project to address conditions that threaten health and safety of either occupants or public safety.
2. Restoration or replacement of infrastructure damaged as a result of Superstorm Sandy, especially for projects that are vital for the redevelopment of residential properties damaged as a result of Superstorm Sandy.
3. Resiliency/mitigation activities related to potable water or waste water systems.
4. Resiliency/mitigation activities related to roads and drainage systems.
5. Resiliency /mitigation of transportation systems and controls.
6. Resiliency/mitigation of energy systems.
7. Projects that enable the State to satisfy the federal requirement that at least 80% of the funding must be spent in Fairfield and New Haven Counties.
8. Projects that contribute significantly to the long-term recovery and economic revitalization of the affected area.

Reservations:

All applications submitted in response to this NOFA are the sole property of the State and subject to the provisions of Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, CGS 1-200 et seq., which provides that public records and documents are subject to public access and copying unless specific exemptions to disclosure exist. If an applicant believes that portions of its application are exempt from disclosure, the applicant should mark the specific portions as confidential. Acceptance of an application by DOH which contains such reservations is not an agreement that the material is confidential or exempt from disclosure. DOH reserves the right to amend or cancel this NOFA, to modify or waive any requirement, condition or other term set forth in this NOFA or the Application, to request additional information at any time from one or more applicants, to select any number of applications submitted in response to this NOFA, or to reject any or all such applications, in each case at DOH's discretion. DOH may exercise the foregoing rights at any time without notice and without liability to any applicant or any other party. Applications to this NOFA shall be prepared at the sole expense of the applicant and shall not obligate DOH to procure any of the services described therein or herein from any applicant. Each applicant selected under this NOFA, if any, will administer the selected Program as a third party administer acting on behalf of DOH subject to the terms and conditions of a written agreement to be entered into by and between the applicant and DOH. DOH shall not be obligated to any applicant until a final written agreement has been executed by all necessary parties thereto and all applicable approvals have been obtained.