

State of Connecticut
Department of Housing

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery- Tranche 2

Planning funds to address improved resiliency to Infrastructure and Public Facilities in Fairfield, New Haven, New London and Middlesex Counties

Deadline for Submission of Application: November 20, 2015

This Notice of Funding Availability (this “NOFA”) is directed to eligible applicants seeking assistance for planning activities associated with improved resiliency of infrastructure and public facilities within eligible counties under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) Program.

A. Goal of this NOFA:

The goal of this NOFA is to provide funding for necessary planning/preconstruction expenses related to the hardening of infrastructure and public facilities in Superstorm Sandy eligible counties. The State of Connecticut Department of Housing (“DOH”) intends to provide assistance which will lead to added resiliency and mitigate future damage in a manner that supports energy conservation, efficiency and environmental stability.

B. Eligible Applicants:

Applicants eligible for consideration under this NOFA include state agencies, units of local government and local councils of government (e.g. regional planning agencies).

C. Eligible Activities:

Eligible activities include the following:

- Research to develop strategies to address the health and safety of homeless individuals and families and other vulnerable populations;
- Plans to address foreseeable mitigation and resiliency projects, particularly as they relate to critical infrastructure;
- Plans to avoid fuel shortages during disasters;
- Plans to address coastline resilience;
- Research to develop strategies for creating off-the-grid public facilities, homes and commercial businesses;
- Plans to address resiliency/mitigation of potable water or waste water systems; or
- Plans to address resiliency/mitigation of roads and drainage systems.

D. Funding Amount:

The amount of funding to be made available under this NOFA is approximately \$4,000,000. The minimum amount of funding that can be applied for is \$100,000. There is no maximum amount.

E. 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. The allocation of the CDBG-DR funding to the State is intended primarily to enable it to address immediate unmet housing and economic revitalization 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.

F. Application Submission Requirements:

Applicants must utilize the [CDBG-DR Application for Planning -Tranche 2](#). The application is available on DOH's website (www.ct.gov/doh/site/default.asp).

The Description of Project section of the application, i.e., Section 1.8, must clearly describe all relevant aspects of the proposed Planning Activity, including, without limitation, all information necessary to evaluate whether the program satisfies the Selection Criteria described below.

An applicant may submit its application for funding under this NOFA either electronically or in hard copy. Hard copy submissions must include one original and one copy, properly bounded and tabbed appropriately. 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.

G. Schedule and Process:

Applications for funding under this NOFA will be accepted at the offices of DOH, 505 Hudson Street, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-7107 on or before 3:30 pm on **November 20, 2015**. 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.

H. Funding Priorities:

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

The proposed activity must address one or more of the following:

1. Increased resilience of critical infrastructure or public facilities essential to an area's ability to respond to or recover from a future disaster;
2. Contribute significantly to the long term recovery and economic revitalization of the affected area; or
3. Provides comprehensive planning to promote regional resilience.

I. 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. 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.