

State of Connecticut
Department of Housing

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery

**Owners of Large Multifamily Projects (5 or more units) Damaged by Superstorm Sandy in
Fairfield, New Haven, New London and Middlesex Counties**

Deadline for Submission of Applications: March 31, 2014

This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is directed to applicants seeking assistance for Multifamily Rehabilitation Outside Floodplain (MFRO) or Multifamily Rehabilitation/Rebuilding & Mitigation Inside Floodplain (RRMI).

Goals of this NOFA:

The goal of this NOFA is to provide funding for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long term recovery and restoration of multifamily housing impacted by Superstorm Sandy. This assistance will target eligible Low to Moderate Income (LMI) multifamily properties with unmet need, including public housing, HUD assisted housing, McKinney-Vento funded shelters and housing for the homeless, which were damaged by Hurricane Sandy and depending upon particular program requirements, located either inside or outside the 100 year or 500 year floodplain in any eligible community located in the 4 designated communities with an emphasis on properties located in Fairfield and New Haven counties.

Eligible Applicants:

Applicants eligible include owners of existing LMI large multifamily properties inside and outside of the 100 and 500 year floodplain in any community in the 4 designated counties (for-profit and non-profit owners as well as public housing authorities).

Funding Amount:

The aggregate amount of funding to be made available under this NOFA is approximately \$8,000,000. The minimum cap allowed for rehabilitation, reconstruction and or mitigation is \$5,000 per unit and the maximum cap allowed is \$75,000 per unit.

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.

Application Submission Requirements:

Applicants must utilize the current version of the Consolidated Application. The Consolidated Application is available on DOH's website (www.ct.gov/doh/site/default.asp).

The Program Narrative section of the Consolidated Application, i.e., Section 3.3 must clearly describe all relevant aspects of the proposed Program, including, without limitation, all information necessary to evaluate to which the program satisfies the Selection Criteria described below.

An applicant may submit its application for funding under this NOFA either electronically or as a hard copy binder submission. 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 will be accepted at the offices of DOH, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-7106 until **March 31, 2014**. Applications should be sent to the attention of **Geraldine Rice**. Prior to the submission deadline above, applicants may contact **John Rosenthal** at **860-270-8173** or via email at john.rosenthal@ct.gov with any procedural or substance questions regarding this NOFA.

Selection Criteria:

All applications submitted under this NOFA will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria (rating and ranking will be based on a 100- point total; maximum score provided for each criterion is in parentheses).

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

1. The unmet need for the type of assistance to be provided by the Program (20);
2. The financial feasibility and sustainability of the Project and its contribution to the long term recovery of the disaster impacted community (15);
3. The number of affordable housing units to be rehabilitated, reconstructed or newly constructed (5);
4. The number of eligible households to be assisted with an emphasis on the number units for extremely low income persons or families, the homeless or persons at risk of becoming homeless (5);
5. The efficiency of the delivery of the benefits of the Program (i.e., the extent to which the program minimizes the amount of CDBG-DR per affordable housing unit created or preserved and/or per individual or household assisted) (10);
6. The qualifications of the applicant, including its experience successfully administering similar programs and its commitment of human and financial resources for the Program, and, if applicable, the qualifications of all other organizations that will perform a role in the Program (15);
7. The readiness to proceed; each project must be capable of being undertaken immediately to provide outcomes to intended beneficiaries effected by the disaster (5);
8. The extent to which the Program leverages non-CDBG-DR resources (10);
9. The ability of the Project to address conditions that threaten the health and safety of either the occupants or the public (15);

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 Consolidate 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 administrator 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.