

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development/Department of Housing is seeking public comment on the DRAFT Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan

A seven day comment period on the DRAFT CDBG-DR Action Plan will begin on May 29, 2013 and end on June 4, 2013. On March 5, 2013, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a Federal Register Notice announcing the initial allocation of CDBG-DR funding as appropriated by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (Public Law 113-2). Connecticut's initial allocation is for \$71,820,000 to address unmet housing and economic revitalization needs as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

A survey form was created and used to collect the unmet needs data from the most impacted and distressed counties as identified in the Federal Register Notice. The data was then reviewed and analyzed to quantify the unmet needs and to formulate the specific funding activities contained in the CDBG-DR Allocation Plan. The CDBG-DR Allocation Plan was reviewed and approved by the Joint Standing Committees of Connecticut's General Assembly, on May 7, 2013, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-28b. The CDBG-DR Allocation Plan then became the framework for the DRAFT CDBG-DR Action Plan.

State residents are now invited to provide comment on the State of Connecticut DRAFT CDBG-DR Action Plan. Written comments may be sent to Michael C. Santoro, Community Development Specialist, Office of Housing and Community Development, Department of Economic & Community Development/Department of Housing, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-7106 or to CT.Housing.Plans@ct.gov through the close of business on June 4, 2013. All comments received will be summarized and responded to in the CDBG-DR Action Plan submitted to HUD. For a copy of the DRAFT CDBG-DR Action Plan and related information, please refer to the Department of Economic and Community Development/Department of Housing website Hurricane Sandy page at <http://www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=3680&q=521046>

The Department of Economic and Community Development/Department of Housing programs are administered in a nondiscriminatory manner, consistent with equal employment opportunities, affirmative action, and fair housing requirements. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for information in alternative formats must be directed to the ADA (504) Coordinator, Antoinette Alphonse at 860-270-8022.

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