

# CDBG-DR Overview

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
Development (HUD)

Disaster Recovery & Special Issues (DRSI)

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# Presentation Goals

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- Provide a basic understanding of Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) funding
- Describe how CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT work including:
  - Current Funding Amounts
  - Allocation Process
  - Roles and Responsibilities
  - Eligible Activities
- HUD's Resilient Building Codes Toolkit



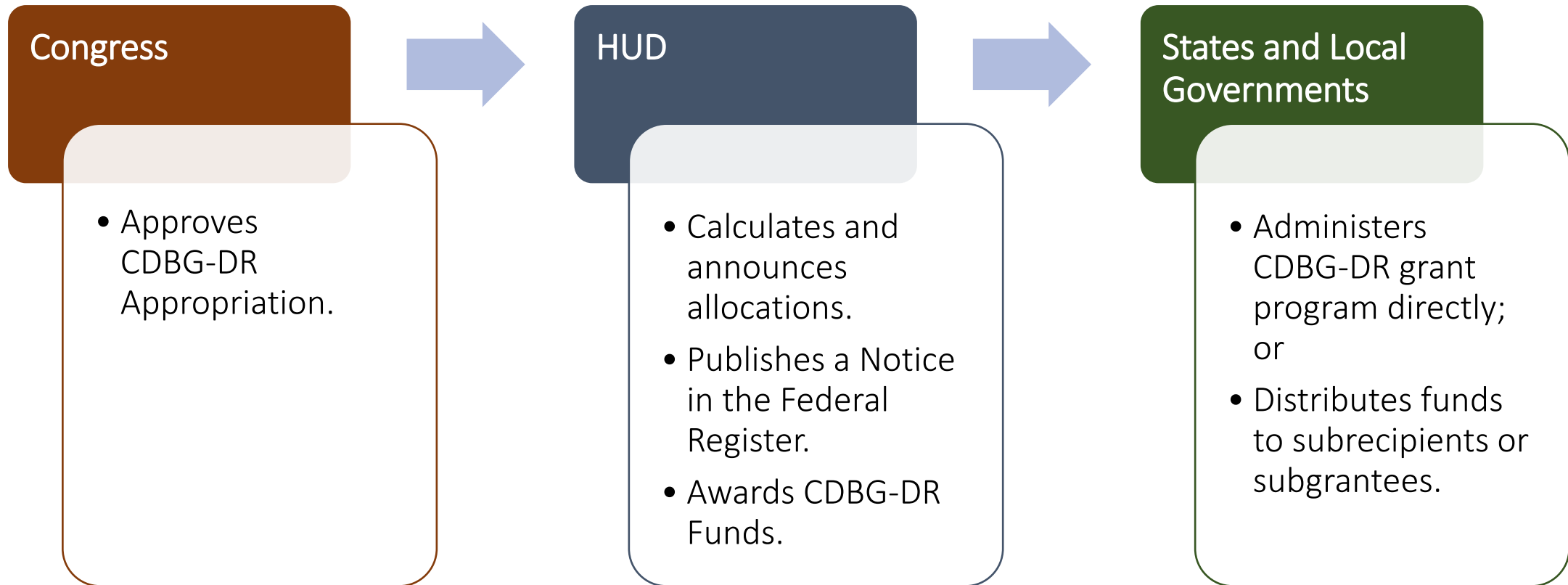
# HUD Helping Communities Recover

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# The Disaster is Presidentially Declared

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# Why HUD and CDBG?

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- HUD administers Community Development Funds
- Managing Disaster Grants since 1992
- Flexibility of the CDBG Program
  - The Secretary may provide waivers or specify alternative requirements if such waiver is not inconsistent with the overall purpose of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCDA).
  - The Secretary may not waive requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment.



# CDBG-DR: Appropriation – Not a Program

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- No annual appropriation for CDBG-DR
- Statutory authority is via individual supplemental appropriations
- CDBG Regulations apply, unless modified by Federal Register Notice or published on HUD's website.
  - FR Notice outlines what a grantee can do and identifies regulations or statute that HUD waived specific to that appropriation



# Purpose of CDBG-DR Funds

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- Focuses on long-term recovery efforts
- Addresses unmet needs that other federal programs have not addressed yet
- Funds **SUPPLEMENT** and fill remaining gaps
- CDBG-DR cannot **SUPPLANT** other federal funds



# Purpose and Scale of CDBG-DR

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CDBG-DR funds must be used for:

“...necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a qualifying disaster...”

**\$95.5 billion allocated by Congress**

**\$84.1 billion in active grants**

**64 Grantees**

**163 active grants**



# HUD's CDBG-DR Roles and Responsibilities

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- Create Federal Register notices that govern each appropriation
- Review CDBG-DR Action Plans and manage CDBG-DR funds
- Provide CDBG-DR grantees with guidance and technical assistance
- Monitoring CDBG-DR grantees to ensure performance and compliance



# CDBG-DR Grantee's Roles and Responsibilities

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- Design and implement recovery programs to meet unmet recovery needs
- Establish internal controls to ensure performance and compliance; monitor subrecipients
- Provide technical assistance to subgrantees and subrecipients



# Action Plan Process

Grantee creates, publishes, and submits CDBG-DR Action Plan

Public review and comment on CDBG-DR Action Plan

HUD reviews and approves CDBG-DR Action Plan

Grantee implements activities and draws funds



# CDBG-DR Requirements

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- Each CDBG-DR activity must:
  - Address a disaster-related impact (direct or indirect) in a Presidentially-declared area for the covered disaster
  - Be a CDBG eligible activity
  - Meet a CDBG national objective
    - 70% of CDBG-DR funds must benefit low- and moderate-income persons or areas



# Recovery Activities

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- Disaster-related activities are those that demonstrate a logical connection between the impacts of the covered disaster and the activity's contribution to community recovery.
- Examples:
  - Rebuilding homes and infrastructure damaged by the disaster
  - Providing assistance for disaster-impacted business owners

# Demonstrating Tie to the Disaster

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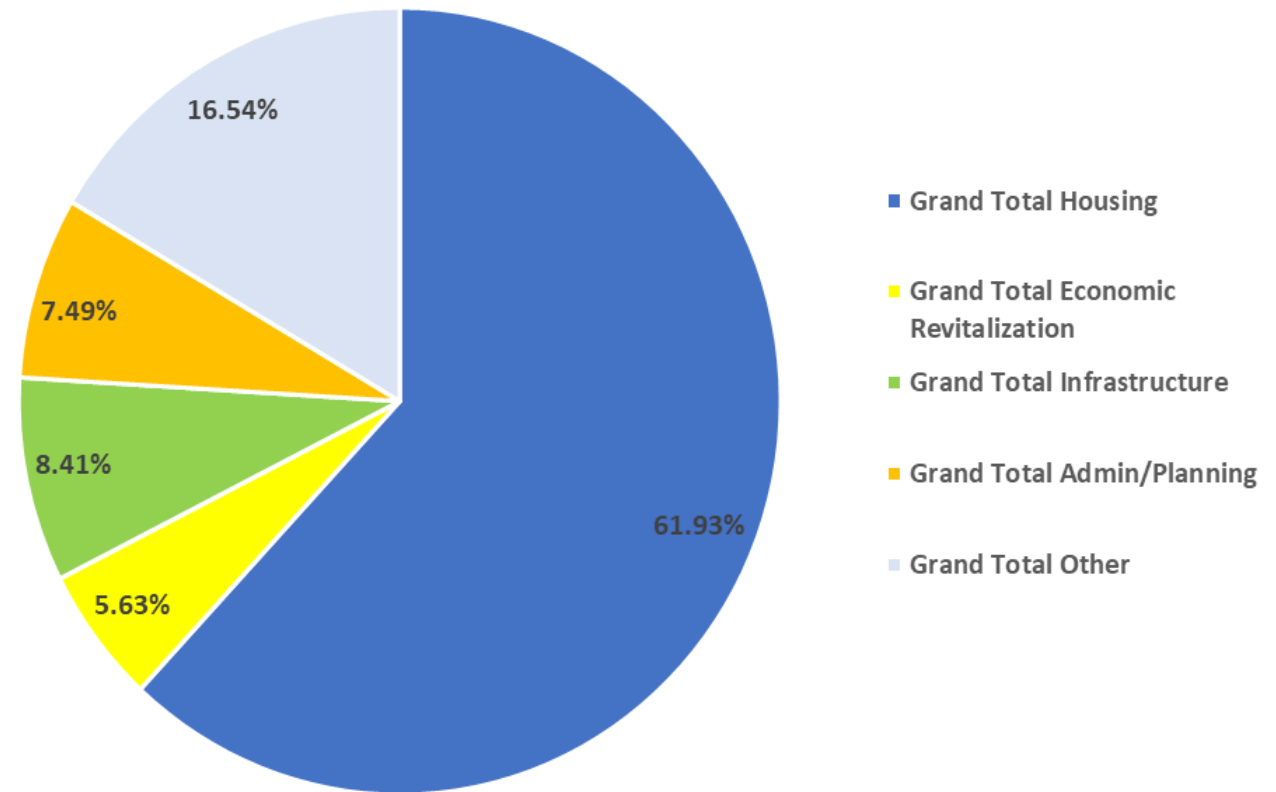
- The entity responsible for the recovery activity must document how the activity is
  - Addressing a disaster-related impact
  - Restoring housing, infrastructure, or the economy



# Funded Activities:

Typical budget allocations and recovery activities among existing CDBG-DR grantees

Activity Budget Allocations for 2013 SDY, 2015 SOF, 2016 LTW and 2017 HIM Appropriations



\*Budgets include estimated Program Income

*“Other” includes the following activity types: Acquisition – general; Acquisition, construction, reconstruction of public facilities; Capacity building for nonprofit or public entities; Clearance and Demolition; Code enforcement; Construction of buildings for the general conduct of government; Debris removal; Public services; Rehabilitation/reconstruction of other non-residential structures; Rehabilitation/reconstruction of public facilities*

# Housing Recovery

## Description

Activities that lead to restoring and improving the housing stock.

## Examples

- New construction
- Rehabilitation/reconstruction
- Single family or multifamily
- Owner or rental

## Green and Resilient Building Standards for 2020 and 2021 grants

- Applies to all new construction and reconstruction of housing.
- Grantees must pick both a Building Standard and an Energy Efficiency Standard.



# Green and Resilient Building Standards

## Building Standards

- Enterprise Green Communities;
- LEED (New Construction, Homes, Midrise, Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance, or Neighborhood Development);
- ICC–700 National Green Building Standard Green+ Resilience;
- Living Building Challenge; or
- Any other equivalent comprehensive green building program acceptable to HUD.

## Energy Efficiency Standards

- ENERGY STAR (Certified Homes or Multifamily High-Rise);
- DOE Zero Energy Ready Home;
- EarthCraft House, EarthCraft Multifamily;
- Passive House Institute Passive Building or EnerPHit certification from the Passive House Institute US (PHIUS), International Passive House Association;
- Greenpoint Rated New Home, Greenpoint Rated Existing Home (Whole House or Whole Building label);
- Earth Advantage New Homes; or
- Any other equivalent energy efficiency standard acceptable to HUD.

# Planning Activities

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Grantees may use CDBG-DR or CDBG-MIT funds for planning activities (up to 15 percent of the grant), including but not limited to:

- Regional mitigation planning;
- Development and implementation of modern and resilient building codes and regional land-use plans; and
- Upgrading mapping, data, and other capabilities to better understand evolving disaster risks.

# CDBG-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Funds

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Public Law 115-123 appropriated:

- \$15.9 billion for mitigation activities for CDBG-DR grantees receiving funds for 2015, 2016, and 2017 disasters

Public Law 116-20 appropriated:

- \$186 million for mitigation activities for CDBG-DR grantees receiving funds for 2018 disasters



# CDBG-MIT Federal Register Notices

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CDBG-MIT funds are for mitigation activities that increase resilience to disasters and eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters.

Mitigation Federal Register Notices:

- [84 FR 45838](#) “Main” CDBG-MIT Notice
- [84 FR 47528](#) for U.S. Virgin Islands
- [85 FR 4676](#) for Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- [85 FR 561](#) for 2018 CDBG-MIT



# Reporting and Systems

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- Action Plan, Amendments, and performance reports are submitted via the Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting (DRGR) system
- Grantees are required to report to HUD on a quarterly basis
  - Quarterly Performance Report (QPRs)
- This is the method by which grantees drawdown funds
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/drgr/>



# Resources

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- CDBG-DR Main HUD Page

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/cdbg-dr](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/cdbg-dr)

- CDBG-DR Federal Register Notices

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/cdbg-dr/regulations](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/cdbg-dr/regulations)

- CDBG-DR Reports

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/cdbg-dr/reports](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/cdbg-dr/reports)





CDBG-DR Grantee  
 Contact Information  
 (links to Action Plans etc.)  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/cdbg-dr-grantee-contact-information/#all-disasters>

Hurricane Joaquin, Hurricane Patricia, and Other Flood Events Occurring in 2015 (PL 114-113 and PL 115-31)

Hurricane Sandy and Other Disasters (PL 113-2) Including Rebuild By Design (RBD)

National Disaster Resilience (NDR) (PL 113-2)

Severe Storms and Flooding (PL 112-55)

Severe Storms and Flooding (PL 111-212)

Midwest Flood Grants (PL 110-252)

Hurricane Ike Grants (PL 110-329)

Hurricane Katrina, Rita, and Wilma Grants

9/11 Grants

## 2021 Events (PL 117-43)

Grant Number	Grantee Name	Grant Amount	Point of Contact	Grantee Website
B-21-MF-22-0003	Baton Rouge, LA	\$4,648,000	Tasha Saunders Director Community Planning and Development  222 St. Louis Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Phone: 225-389-3039 Email: <a href="mailto:tssaunders@brla.gov">tssaunders@brla.gov</a>	<a href="#">Grantee Website</a>
B-21-DF-06-0001	California	\$14,761,000	Gustavo Velasquez Director Dept. of Housing and Community Development  2020 W. El Camino Real, Suite 500 Sacramento, CA 95833 Phone: 916-263-2771	<a href="#">Grantee Website</a>
B-21-DF-08-0001	Colorado	\$7,415,000	Dave Bowman Deputy Director Division of Local Government  1313 Sherman Street, Room 323, Denver, CO 80203 Phone: 303-864-7877 Email: <a href="mailto:Dave.Bowman@state.co.us">Dave.Bowman@state.co.us</a>	<a href="#">Grantee Website</a>



# HUD's Resilient Building Codes Toolkit

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- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/resilient-building-codes/>
- Or use: <https://bit.ly/3otHykT>
  - Complete Toolkit
  - Recorded Webinars
  - Complete slide decks

For more information: [DRSIPolicyUnit@hud.gov](mailto:DRSIPolicyUnit@hud.gov)





## Resilient Building Codes Toolkit

April 2022

# Resilient Building Codes and CDBG-DR Funding

This Toolkit aims to help CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT grantees understand the importance of rebuilding to more resilient codes and higher standards.

### The Toolkit:

- makes the business case for resilient codes,
- outlines the local and state processes that grantees can expect to undertake to upgrade their codes, and
- delineates how resilient codes can address different natural hazards



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# What this Toolkit contains

- 1 BUSINESS CASE OVERVIEW
- 2 NARRATIVE
- 3 CHECKLIST
- 4 STATE-BY-STATE GOVERNANCE SUPPLEMENT
- 5 STATE-BY-STATE PROCESS SUPPLEMENT
- 6 TECHNICAL APPENDIX



## Resilient Building Codes Toolkit

April 28, 2022

