



Community Development Block Grants - Disaster Recovery and Mitigation

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Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)



February 12, 2018: The WV Development Office received HUD's Authority to Use Grant Funds



May 4, 2021: Completed 296 housing projects and 36 bridges



During the pandemic, the RISE program has doubled housing accomplishments



\$65,929,144.99 total grant funds spent

Housing Restoration Program

- **296 total housing projects completed**
- **102 remaining housing projects are all under contract**
- **79 of the 102 remaining projects have received Notice to Proceed and are now in the construction phase**



Housing Restoration Program and Small Rental Assistance Program Update

Current	As of March 2020	As of April 2021
Active Cases	279	102
Reconstruction	213	72
Rehabilitation	3	1
Mobile Home Replacements	63	29
Completed	140	296

- 12 homes completed a month on average
- 88% of the funds have benefited low to moderate households
- 22% of the homes have been elevated and provided with NFIP flood insurance protection for one year

Multifamily Housing Program

WVDO has an Interagency Agreement with WV Housing Development Fund.

Provide housing to vulnerable households by offering to repair damaged multifamily rental housing or construct new multifamily rental housing developments in the four MID disaster declared counties.

Projects scored based on project readiness, leverage available, demonstrated capacity, prior experience, and service to LMI populations.

- **3 projects with 155 multifamily rental units**
- **2 projects have received Authority to Use Grants Funds**
- **1 project in Phase 2 Environmental**

Community and Economic Development

Projects that support critical economic revitalization activities in the four MID disaster declared counties.

\$8 million dollars available for funding, with maximum award of \$5 million.

Projects must benefit businesses and serve residential area that is at least 51% low to moderate income.

- **Application released March 3, 2021, due June 4, 2021**
- **Categories include: Infrastructure, Parks and Recreation and Public Facilities, Downtown Core Strengthening, Industrial and Commercial Improvements**
- **Eligible applicants are units of local government**

Bridge Home Program

WVDO has Subrecipient Agreement with WV VOAD.

Reconstruction and rehabilitation of privately-owned bridges that provide primary access to a residence.

Priority given to citizens served by one of the housing programs.

- **36 total bridges constructed**

Clearance and Demolition Program

To address slum and blight on a spot basis and assist in the removal of vacant, deteriorated, or abandoned buildings damaged beyond repair by the 2016 Flood.

Vacant residential or commercial properties throughout the 12 disaster declared counties

- **42 projects demolished**

Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)

- ➡ The State of WV received \$106,494,000 in CDBG-MIT funding approved by HUD on January 13, 2021.
- ➡ Mitigation is defined as those activities that increase resilience to disasters, lessen the impact of future disasters, and reduce or eliminate long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship.
- ➡ Money has to be spent in same 12 counties as the disaster recovery funds: Clay, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Nicholas, Fayette, Jackson, Lincoln, Monroe, Pocahontas, Roane, Summers, and Webster.

CDBG-Mitigation Goals



Support data-informed investments, focusing on repetitive loss of property and critical infrastructure



Build capacity to comprehensively analyze disaster risks and update hazard mitigation plans;



Support the adoption of policies that reflect local and regional priorities that will have long-lasting effects on community risk reduction, including risk reduction to community lifelines and decreasing future disaster costs; and



Maximize the impact of funds by encouraging leverage, private/public partnerships, and coordination with other Federal dollars.

HUD Spending Requirements for WV's Award

6 years

- 50% of funds expended

12 years

- 100% of funds expended

LMI

- 50% of total funds expended on activities which benefit Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) persons

MID

- 50% of total funds expended on activities benefiting HUD Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas

Mitigation Needs Assessment

An analysis on the impact that hazards have on the State that serves as a data-driven basis for mitigation program decisions

Infrastructure Needs

- Millions of dollars of infrastructure damaged due to flooding and continues to be at risk. High demand for the implementation of infrastructure mitigation projects that will improve resiliency.
- Mitigation projects have gone unimplemented due to a lack of the necessary funding to complete them.

Critical Facilities

- Increased risk to critical facilities such as medical centers, schools, fire stations, and utility services due to flooding.

Planning

- Availability, standardization, or access to data related on historical or future risk for several hazards did not exist or was difficult to find. Planning studies to better identify hazard risks, impacts, and subsequent mitigation measures are needed.

<u>PROGRAMS</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>
Infrastructure	\$86,169,300
General Infrastructure Program	\$72,169,300
Public Facility Hardening Program	\$14,000,000
Planning and Capacity	\$15,000,000
State Planning	\$6,500,000
Regional and Local Planning	\$6,000,000
Hazard Mitigation Plans	\$2,500,000
Administration	\$5,324,700
Total Budget	\$106,494,000

Infrastructure

Funding Level \$72,169,300

Program Description Funding to develop large-scale mitigation activities that allow communities to better withstand future disasters.

Example of projects Rehabilitation of critical infrastructure; rehabilitation or construction of stormwater management systems; improving or installing retention basins; relocating water lines; culvert improvements; and green infrastructure.

Maximum Grant Award \$10,000,000

Public Facilities Hardening Program (PFHP)

Funding Level	\$14,000,000
Project Description	Funding for projects which increase the resiliency of critical public facilities such as fire and police stations, medical centers, schools, emergency shelters, and water and wastewater treatment plants to future risks.
Examples of projects	Floodproofing, installing back-up power generators, anchoring roof-mounted heating, shelters, ventilation and air-conditioning units, and retrofitting building exteriors with hazard-resistant materials
Maximum Grant Award	\$5,000,000

Regional and Local Planning Grant Program (RLPG)

Funding Level	\$6,000,000
Project Description	Funding opportunities for variety of regional and local mitigation planning efforts, including for local capacity building.
Examples of projects	Modernizing and development resilient building codes (zoning ordinances, integrating local mitigation plans to regional, upgrade mapping and data); comprehensive, neighborhood, and master plans; local and regional land-use plans, and community recovery and resiliency plans.
Maximum Grant Award	\$250,000

Application Process

- Eligible applicants: units of local government, state agencies, regional planning and development councils, public service districts, higher education, and non-profits (if partner with preceding applicant.)
- Application were released March 8, 2021.
- Applications are due July 6, 2021 at 5pm.
- Funds will be awarded based on the scoring criteria.
- Should initial RFP not result in the full obligation of the program allocation, subsequent rounds of applications will be conducted until the full allocation has been obligated.



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