



Hurricane Ida Recovery Programs Launching 2023



New Jersey will allocate federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to address unmet needs in Ida-impacted communities. Funding will cover several critical recovery initiatives to include housing rebuilding and repair assistance and resilient infrastructure projects for local governments. The NJ Department of Community Affairs' Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation will administer the funds, of which at least 70 percent will benefit low-to moderate-income persons/households.

Launching February 27, 2023

- **\$68.9 million** for **Homeowner Assistance Recovery Program (HARP)**: This program provides grants to owner-occupied properties to repair, rebuild, and/or elevate their storm-damaged home.
- **\$15 million** for **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)**: This program provides supplemental rental assistance for low-income rental families who were impacted by Hurricane Ida.
- **\$3 million** for **Housing Counseling and Legal Services**: Provides supportive services, such as foreclosure prevention, relocation services, and debt management, and assists with application intake for CDBG-DR-funded programs to help impacted residents transition to more permanent housing.

Launching April 3, 2023

- **\$20 million** for **Small Rental Repair Program (SRRP)**: This program provides zero-interest, forgivable loans to owners of small rental properties (less than 7 units) to repair, rebuild, and/or elevate their properties.

Launching in coming months, 2023

- **An additional \$26 million** for **Blue Acres**: Allows homeowners in flood-prone areas to sell their homes to the State and move to a lower-risk area.
- **\$54 million** for **Resilient Communities**: Provides competitive funding to local governments for infrastructure projects that will help communities be prepared for future natural disasters.
- **\$30 million** for **Smart Move**: Provides financial assistance to communities for the development of affordable, resilient, single-family housing that is also energy-efficient and outside the 500-year floodplain.
- **\$5 million** for **Resilient New Jersey Program**: Direct allocations to units comprised of local governments, regional teams, and consultant teams to support local and regional resilience planning.

All impacted residents are highly encouraged to complete the [Hurricane Ida Registration to receive updates about recovery programs and other information](https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/home/Idaactionplan.shtml). Additional programs are included in the Action Plan, which may be read on the DCA website at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/home/Idaactionplan.shtml>.

Partner Outreach

DCA has updated its [Partner Outreach Toolkit](#) to make it easy for community partners to communicate to the people they serve in a manner that is most comfortable for them and their audiences. The Toolkit includes: Social media posts, CDBG-DR Factsheet, Flyer, Article and graphic. Please share the toolkit with your local community partners.