

Notice for Public Comment

CDBG-DR Action Plan Amendment 1

The Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announces the publication of the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan Amendment 1.

Virginia's CDBG-DR Action Plan, first approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on April 30, 2025, establishes the Commonwealth's proposed use of \$46.7 million in federal funding allocated to 2024 Tropical Storm Helene (FEMA-4831-DR-VA) recovery activities.

This proposed Amendment to the Action Plan is considered substantial according to HUD's Universal Notice and the Commonwealth's citizen participation plan, because it changes Low to Moderate-Income (LMI) requirements, removes one (1) program, and reallocates funds across the various program areas. Amendment 1 addresses the following items:

1. The Commonwealth previously required at least 85% of CDBG-DR funds to benefit Low and Moderate-Income (LMI) persons. This amendment lowers that threshold to the HUD requirement of 70%.
2. The amount allocated to Public Services is modified from \$1,217,490 to \$0.
 - The Public Services Program is eliminated, and its total allocation of \$1,217,490 will be redistributed between the Administration and Housing Recovery Allocations.
 - \$304,350 will be moved to Administration to meet the allowable 5 percent cap.
 - The remaining \$913,140 will be added to the Housing Recovery Program.
3. The amount allocated to Planning is modified from \$6,087,450 to \$3,720,000.
 - The Planning Program is restructured to provide planning awards to each HUD and DHCD-identified MID area, or representative Planning District Commissions.
 - Funds from planning (\$2,367,450) are reallocated to Housing to support additional construction, repair, and rehabilitation projects.
4. The amount allocated to Housing is modified from \$15,015,710 to \$18,296,300.
 - Additional funding enables more units to be repaired, reconstructed, or newly constructed.
5. The Housing Program is restructured as a state-run, hybrid initiative administered by DHCD. Qualified jurisdictions may opt out of the state-administered program and instead self-administer their housing programs under DHCD oversight, provided there is demonstrated capacity and a compliance history.

These changes are intended to increase funding availability to localities and residents for housing recovery activities, as well as define the intent to fund recovery planning activities.

The HUD-approved CDBG-DR Action Plan and this proposed Amendment are available for review and public comment beginning on November 25th, 2025, and ending at 11:59pm on December 31st, 2025.

Copies of this amendment can be accessed at www.dhcd.virginia.gov/cdbg-dr. Hard copies and translated copies in languages other than English may be requested from: lyndsi.austin@dhcd.virginia.gov.

Comments on this Amendment may be submitted to the public comment [survey](#), via email to cdbg-dr@dhcd.virginia.gov, or mailed to the attention of:

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After receiving public comments, the Commonwealth will consider and address each one before submitting the amendment to HUD for approval. The Commonwealth will only implement the proposed changes following final HUD approval. In the period awaiting HUD review and approval of this Amendment, previous HUD-approved (April 30, 2025) activities under the Action Plan will continue to be implemented by the Commonwealth.