

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM
CDBG-DR-B-12-UT-36-0001
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT 2012-04
ORANGE COUNTY CDBG-DR 2012 ACTION PLAN
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ANNOUNCEMENT
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

Orange County is the recipient of a CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant (CDBG-DR) in accordance with Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. These funds are being made available to assist disaster recovery efforts in response to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. The County has been allocated \$11,422,029. These funds are allocated to the County as a direct recipient due to the fact that the Orange County CDBG Urban Consortium area has more than \$10 million in unmet severe needs. In order to receive the aforementioned funds, the County prepared and submitted an Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on July 20, 2012. The Action Plan was approved by HUD on August 10, 2012.

At this time, Orange County is submitting substantial amendment 2012-04 to the approved Action Plan to Address the following program changes:

*Amend the current grant completion date from September 30, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

The 7-day comment period will begin on Thursday, September 13, 2018 and extend through close of business on Thursday, September 20, 2018. Beginning on Thursday, September 20, 2018 Substantial Amendment 2012-04 to the Orange County CDBG-DR Action Plan may be viewed on and downloaded from the Orange County website at www.orangecountygov.com. In addition, copies can be requested by e-mail CommDev@orangecountygov.com or by calling the Office of Community Development at 845-615-3820.

Comments should be written and mailed to:

The Office of Community Development
Attention: Nicole Andersen, Interim Director
18 Seward Avenue
Middletown, New York 10940

Comments may also be e-mailed to CommDev@orangecountygov.com

All comments must be received by closed of business on Thursday, September 20, 2018.

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CDBG-DR Budget: There is no change to the budget for Amendment 2012-04:

CDBG-DR1201-General Administration:	\$ 571,101
CDBG-DR1202-Planning:	\$ 75,000
CDBG-DR1203-Contingencies:	\$ 775,928
CDBG-DR1204-Housing:	\$ 500,000
CDBG-DR1205-Public Facilities/Infrastructure:	\$ 9,000,000
CDBG-DR1206-Economic Development:	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
TOTAL CDBG-DR ALLOCATION:	\$ 11,422,029

Amendment 2012-03 contains the following allocation revisions and additional projects:

CDBG-DR1201-General Administration:	\$ 571,101
CDBG-DR1202-Planning:	\$ 75,000
CDBG-DR1203-Contingencies:	\$ 775,928
<i>CDBG-DR1204-Housing:</i>	<i>\$ 500,000 (\$4,000,000 transferred to Pub. Fac.)</i>
<i>CDBG-DR1205-Public Facilities/Infrastructure:</i>	<i>\$ 9,000,000 (\$4,000,000 transferred from Housing)</i>
CDBG-DR1206-Economic Development:	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
TOTAL CDBG-DR ALLOCATION:	\$ 11,422,029

Amendment 2012-02 contains the following allocation revisions and additional projects:

CDBG-DR1201-General Administration:	\$ 571,101
CDBG-DR1202-Planning:	\$ 75,000
CDBG-DR1203-Contingencies:	\$ 775,928
CDBG-DR1204-Housing:	\$ 4,500,000
CDBG-DR1205-Public Facilities/Infrastructure:	\$ 5,000,000
CDBG-DR1206-Economic Development:	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
TOTAL CDBG-DR ALLOCATION:	\$ 11,422,029

Amendment 2012-01 contains the following allocation revisions and additional projects:

CDBG-DR1201-General Administration:	\$ 571,101
CDBG-DR1202-Planning:	\$ 187,500
CDBG-DR1203-Contingencies:	\$ 0
CDBG-DR1204-Housing:	\$ 1,234,308
CDBG-DR1205-Public Facilities/Infrastructure:	\$ 8,667,624
CDBG-DR1206-Economic Development:	\$ 0
CDBG-DR1207-Public Services/Equipment:	\$ 230,000
CDBG-DR1208-Code Enforcement:	\$ 50,000
CDBG-DR1209-Acquisition/Infrastructure:	<u>\$ 481,496</u>
TOTAL CDBG-DR ALLOCATION:	\$ 11,422,029

The Action Plan was submitted to HUD on July 20, 2012.

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1. Amend the current grant completion date from September 30, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

The current approved Action Plan estimated a 36-month timeline, with the completion date of March 31, 2015. Orange County received approval from HUD for Substantial Amendment 2012-01 which extended the completion date to September 30, 2016. Substantial Amendment 2012-02 requested HUD approve an additional 12-month extension, from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017, in order to complete projects in the pipeline. HUD approved that request and the deadline was extended to September 30, 2017. During the period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017, construction on the Village of Monroe Millpond Dam Improvements project was completed 100%.

Currently, 3 additional projects totaling \$3,120,137 are in progress. The environmental review process has been completed for two (2) projects in the City of Middletown and one (1) project in the Village of Walden. Construction has begun on the City of Middletown projects and a pre-construction meeting will be held within the week for the Village of Walden project. All three (3) projects are expected to be 100% completed no later than September 30, 2019.

The Village of Walden project is estimated to take approximately 4 months from the contract signing which is expected to be the week of September 17, 2018. It was anticipated that most of the construction would take place prior to the onset of winter weather as the project includes temporary bypass pumping while the pump station is being replaced which is not conducive to winter work.

The Orange County Office of Community Development in coordination with the County Attorney's office revised the subrogation clause of the Municipal CDBG-DR Grant Agreements as required by HUD. Revisions were forwarded to HUD for their review.

A factor that continues to significantly impact the single-family owner-occupied residential rehabilitation program is obtaining the required FEMA documents necessary to carry out the duplication of benefits calculation. We have had discussions with New York State Rising counterparts regarding this impediment and based on our past discussions, have been told that they may be of assistance to us in gathering documentation from FEMA. Unfortunately, this impediment has not been rectified. To date, only one (1) residential rehabilitation project is 100% complete. We will continue to explore ways to obtain the necessary required documentation from FEMA.