



Agency of Commerce & Community Development

Department of Housing and Community Development

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

Virtual Public Hearing – May 15, 2025

Opening Remarks

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Todays Presenters:

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Vermont Community Development Program

Meeting Agenda

- **Introduction to CDBG-DR**
- **CDBG-DR Action Plan Timeline**
- **Components of the Action Plan**
- **Allocation Overview**
- **Proposed Programs**
- **Application Process**
- **Public Comments**

CDBG-DR defined

CDBG-DR funds are for activities related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the “Most Impacted and Distressed” (MID) areas resulting from a qualifying major disaster.

80% of allocation must address unmet disaster needs and mitigation activities in the HUD-identified MID area(s)

DR-4720

July 2023

- *On July 7th, a series of severe weather events began causing flooding and landslides across Vermont, culminating in DR-4720.*
- *On July 14th, 2023, the President issued a major disaster declaration for DR-4720 due to severe storms and flooding with an incident period of July 7th through July 21st, 2023.*
- *HUD announced an allocation of \$12 billion in January 2025 of CDBG-DR for communities across the U.S., including the State of Vermont.*

CDBG-DR Funding Requirements

1. *Help address a direct or indirect impact from the disaster in a county covered by a Presidential disaster declaration*
2. *At least 80% of funds must address needs within the HUD-identified Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas*
3. *At least 70% CDBG-DR funded activities must benefit Low/Moderate Income (LMI) Person*

What is the flow of funds?

HUD
(CDBG-DR)



ACCD/DHCD
(Federal Grantee)



State Awards

ACCD/DHCD receives and administers

**Community Development Block Grants –
Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)**

allocated to the State of Vermont by the

**U.S. Department of Housing & Urban
Development (HUD)**

**Vermont Municipalities &
State Direct**

Action Plan Timeline

January 21st – Allocation Announcement Notice (AAN) and CDBG-DR Universal Notice (UN) published

January 28th – HUD CDBG-DR Universal Notice Overview

Early February – Universal Notice withdrawn for revisions

February 28th – Hyde Park CDBG-DR Outreach Pre-Meeting

March 19th – revised Universal Notice published by HUD

March 20th – Montpelier CDBG-DR Outreach Pre-Meeting

April 5th – second revision to UN published

Action Plan Timeline (cont.)

May 1st & 2nd – HUD CDBG-DR Launch T/A

May 15th – CDBG-DR Public Hearing

May 21st – 30-Day Public Comment ends

May 23rd – Action Plan submitted to HUD
- HUD has 45 days to approve

Projected Timeline:

July 7th – Action Plan approved and official NOFO

August 1st – Grant Agreement with HUD

*Vermont to open the application process late-Summer
with first round of grant awards in **October-December.***

Action Plan Components

1. Executive Summary

Disaster Specific Overview

Most Impacted and Distressed Areas

- HUD-Identified MID Areas
- State-Identified MID Areas

2. Unmet Needs and Mitigation Needs Assessment

- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Disaster Impacts on Pre-Existing Needs

Action Plan Components (cont.)

3. Mitigation Needs Assessment

- VT 2023 State Hazard Mitigation Plan

4. Connection between proposed programs and unmet needs, mitigation needs assessments

- Allocation and Award Caps
- Competitive Grant (structure)
 - Project Thresholds (Eligibility)
 - Review Process and Scoring Matrix
- Program Details
 - Administration, Planning, Housing, Infrastructure, and Mitigation

CDBG-DR Allocation Overview

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CDBG-DR Allocation:	\$58,996,000
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CDBG-DR Mitigation Set Aside: <i>(does not require direct tie-back to DR-4720)</i>	\$8,849,000
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Total Allocation:	\$67,845,000
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Most Impacted and Distressed Areas (MID)

Qualifying Disaster:

4720

HUD-identified MID Areas:
\$54,276,000 – 80% of allocation

Washington County and Lamoille County

Grantee-Identified MID Areas:
\$13,569,000 – 20% of allocation

Orleans County, Caledonia County, Rutland County, and Windsor County

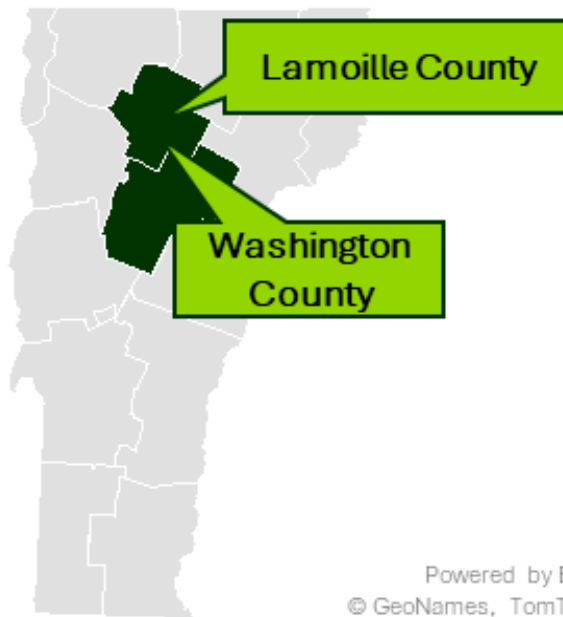
All State-Identified MID areas shall be able to apply for assistance consistent with specific program requirements as outlined in this Action Plan, **keeping in mind that the State must use at least 80% of its CDBG-DR funds** in the HUD-Identified MID areas.

Most Impacted and Distressed Areas (MID)

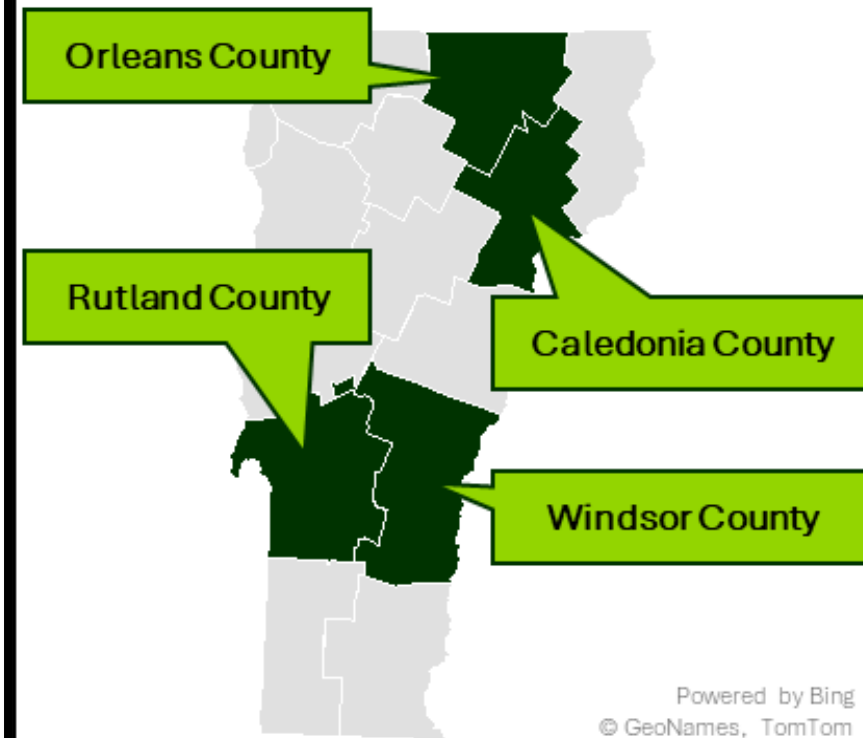
Qualifying Disaster:

4720

Expanded HUD MID Areas



Grantee MID Areas



Proposed Program Allocations

Eligible Cost Category	CDBG-DR Allocation	% of CDBG-DR Allocation
Administration	\$3,392,250	5%
Planning	\$2,000,000	3%
Housing	\$47,550,000	70%
Infrastructure	\$10,000,000	15%
CDBG-DR Mitigation Set-Aside Program*	\$4,902,750	7%
Total	\$67,845,000	100%

*CDBG-DR Mitigation Set Aside Program does not require a DR-4720 direct tie-back.



Maximum and Minimum Funding Amounts

Program	Maximum Award	Minimum Award
Planning	\$2,000,000	\$100,000
Housing	\$10,000,000	\$500,000
Infrastructure	\$10,000,000	\$500,000
Mitigation	\$4,902,750	\$100,000

No Match Required

Planning Program

Eligible Cost Category	CDBG-DR Allocation Amount	% of CDBG-DR allocation
Planning	\$2,000,000	3%

Maximum Award \$2,000,000 – Minimum Award \$100,000 (no match required)

Program Description: Provide funding for communities to access technical expertise and professional resources needed to complete planning, feasibility, and pre-development activities. Examples of planning activities include site feasibility for development, engineering studies, watershed and/or hydrology studies, local mitigation plans, and long-term disaster recovery plans.

Eligible Activities: Planning-Only

National Objective: Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI); Urgent Need



Housing Program

Eligible Cost Category	CDBG-DR Allocation Amount	% of CDBG-DR allocation
Housing	\$47,550,000	70%

Maximum Award \$10,000,000 – Minimum Award \$500,000 (no match required)

Program Description: Provide funding for the construction of new affordable housing, rehabilitation and reconstruction of existing damaged housing units for both Single Family and Multi-Family homes, and Infrastructure in Support of Housing

Eligible Activities: Acquisition; Clearance, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Construction of Buildings; Removal of Architectural Barriers; New Housing Construction; Relocation; Lead-Based Paint Hazard Evaluation and Reduction; Infrastructure in Direct-Support of Housing; and Home Buyouts and Site Remediation.

National Objective: Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI); Urgent Need



Infrastructure Program

Eligible Cost Category	CDBG-DR Allocation Amount	% of CDBG-DR allocation
Infrastructure	\$10,000,000	15%

Maximum Award \$10,000,000 – Minimum Award \$500,000 (no match required)

Program Description: Provide funding for infrastructure projects that will support communities in becoming more resilient to current and future natural disasters. Projects may include bridge and culvert improvements or replacement, water/sewer infrastructure, riverbank stabilization and/or buffering, and road rebuilding or relocation.

Eligible Activities: Acquisition, Construction, Reconstruction, and Installation of Public Facilities and Other Site Improvements; Code Enforcement; and Non-Federal Match (HMGP)

National Objective: Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI); Urgent Need



CDBG-DR Mitigation Set Aside Program

Eligible Cost Category	CDBG-DR Allocation Amount	% of CDBG-DR allocation	Tie back to disaster DR-4720?
Mitigation Projects	\$4,902,750	7%	NO

Maximum Award \$4,902,750 – Minimum Award \$500,000 (no match required)

Definition: Activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, be lessening the impact of future disasters.

Program Description: Provide funding for floodplain restoration and/or flood storage, dam removal, riverbank stabilization, and brownfield remediation for commercial buyouts, etc.

Eligible Activities: Acquisition, Construction, Reconstruction, and Installation of Public Facilities and Other Site Improvements.

KEYNOTE: Projects do NOT need to be tied to 2023 DR-4720.



Application Thresholds

- Valid Authorizing Municipal Official to submit the application and adoption of the Resolution for grant application authority
- Public Hearing Notice & Hearing
- Project has tie-back to DR-4720
- Project located in HUD-Identified or State-Identified MID area(s)
- Activities of the project meet a National Objective
- Activities of the project meet a State Objective
- Evidence of site control
- Duplication of Benefit and Unmet Needs Statement

Competitive Application Process

- Applications submitted and administered in GEARS
- Reviewed for Threshold
- All projects are subject to NEPA and must complete HUD's Environmental Review process
- All Applications to be scored based on:
 - Need
 - Impact
 - Feasibility
- Funding Recommendations will be made by the Community Development Board to the Agency Sec.

Eligible Applicants

- Units of General Local Government (UGLG)
 - Incorporated Vermont Municipalities
- State Direct Grants
 - Public or Non-Profit Organizations, For-Profit Organizations, Community Based Development Organizations (CBDO)

Eligibility Criteria for Applicants

- Demonstrated capacity to administer the CDBG-DR funds.
- Unique Entity Identification number from SAM.gov
- Registered with VT Secretary of State
- Good tax standing

Competitive Application Process

- **First Funding Round in Fall 2025**
 - Board Meeting tentatively in October-December
 - Applications due approx. 6-8 weeks prior
- **Second Funding Round** (dependent on funding availability)
 - Winter 2026
 - Applications due approx. 6-8 weeks prior
- **Third Funding Round** (dependent on funding availability)
 - Spring 2026
 - Applications due approx. 6-8 weeks prior



Questions?

Thoughts?

Comments?

Contact Us

All written comments should be submitted to:

accd.cdbgdr@vermont.gov

Comments will be accepted until May 23rd

ACCD CDBG-DR Website

accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/disaster-recovery

