

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

SUPERSTORM SANDY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DISASTER RECOVERY

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ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBER 36

NON-SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

- **Transferring Funds to the Rental Assistance Program**

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Governor

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Commissioner



Non-Substantial Action Plan Amendment Number Thirty-Six to Superstorm Sandy Disaster Relief Appropriation, Public Law 113-2, 2013

I. Overview

The purpose of this Action Plan Amendment (APA) Number 36 is to provide non-substantial clarifications to the identified program areas as detailed in the document. This amendment is considered non-substantial since these clarifications and additions do not involve a new allocation or a transfer/re-allocation of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds in excess of \$10 million¹; do not create a new program; and do not change approved program benefits or eligibility criteria.

Through this amendment, the State proposes to transfer \$1,211,455 to the Rental Assistance Program.

II. Action Plan Modification

A. Transfer of Funds to the Rental Assistance Program

Table 1: Transfer of Funds to the Rental Assistance Program			
Approved New Jersey Action Plan Program	Activity Previous Allocation	Amount of Transfer	Activity Revised Allocation
Resettlement	\$203,021,527	(-)\$37,773	\$202,983,754
Sandy Homebuyer Assistance Program	\$18,553,783	(-)\$50,000	\$18,503,783
Fund for Restoration of Multi-Family Housing	\$662,454,407	(-)\$1,123,204	\$661,331,203
Tourism Marketing Campaign	\$24,999,754	(-)\$478	\$24,999,276
Rental Assistance Program	\$16,635,856	(+) \$1,211,455	\$17,847,311

The Rental Assistance Program (RAP), administered by the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA), offers rental assistance to applicants of the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation (RREM) and LMI Homeowners Rebuilding Programs. Up to \$1,300 is provided per month for up to forty total months of assistance to cover the costs of a temporary rental while homeowners rebuild their homes.

The RAP forecast continues to be refined as homeowners begin to receive additional construction assistance through the Supplemental Fund. In doing so, RAP has identified a need for additional funds to meet the temporary rental costs of homeowners working to

¹ New Jersey raised the limit for a substantial amendment in [Action Plan Amendment #35](#), which was approved by HUD on February 7, 2020. The move was pursuant to [84 FR 4386 \(February 29, 2019\)](#) and ensures the State maintains their commitment to transparency while quickly meeting the needs of under-allocated programs. All amendments, both substantial and non-substantial, will continue to be posted to <https://www.renewjerseystronger.org/plans-reports/> prior to HUD approval.

complete remaining construction on their Sandy-damaged primary residences. Therefore, the State proposes to transfer \$1,211,455 to the Rental Assistance Program.

The funds from this transfer come in part from a surplus in closed programs: Resettlement, Sandy Homebuyer Assistance, and Tourism Marketing. The remaining dollars are contributed from the Fund for the Restoration of Multi-Family Housing, in which program income has created an overallocation. The surplus funding will be reallocated to displaced homeowners in RAP.