

National Disaster Resilience Competition – CDBG-NDR - Action Plan
Criteria for Substantial Amendments to the Action Plan

The Appropriations Act requires that prior to the obligation of funds by HUD, a grantee (the State) shall submit a plan detailing the proposed use of funds, including criteria for eligibility and how the use of these funds will address disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas. For purposes of awards made in response to Phase 2 submissions under this NOFA, this requirement for an Action Plan for Disaster Recovery (Action Plan) is fulfilled by the grantee's submissions: the Applicant's Phase 1 and Phase 2 submissions for this competition together constitute an Action Plan as required under P.L. 113-2.

The State may amend the Action Plan, but must receive prior HUD approval for substantial amendments to the plan. Before making any substantial amendment to the Action Plan, a grantee must follow the same citizen participation requirements required by this NOFA for the preparation and submission of an Application. Additionally, HUD must agree in writing that the substantially amended Application would still score in the fundable range for the competition.

The criteria for determining what changes in the Application constitute a substantial amendment requiring HUD prior approval are:

1. any change to the Application that would result in a change of more than 5 points in the score for capacity or soundness of approach or that would change the most impacted and distressed target area(s).
2. a change in program benefit, beneficiaries, or eligibility criteria; the allocation or re-allocation of more than \$1 million; or
3. the addition or deletion of an activity.

It is the intent of the State, except when necessary, not to initiate changes that would require a substantial amendment to the NDRC- AP. The State will, however, entertain requests and recommendations for consideration in subsequent amendments. The State will also amend the NDRC-AP as necessary to implement changes necessitated by HUD.

The State will consider all comments and views of citizens and local governments received in writing via the posted mail, the public comment tool on the state's NDRC website, fax or other email in preparing and adopting any substantial amendment of the NDRC-AP. A summary of all comments and the State's responses will be included in any substantial amendment of the NDRC-AP.