



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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MEMORANDUM FOR: All CDBG-DR Grantees Subject to the Universal Notice (Allocations announced in the January 2025 Notice); Community Planning and Development Field Office Directors, Deputy Directors, Regional Directors, and Program Managers

FROM: Matthew E. Ammon, Performing the Delegable Duties of the Deputy Secretary, SD MATTHEW AMMON

SUBJECT: Revisions made to the Common Application, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grantees: The Universal Notice published in the *Federal Register* (90 FR 1754).

APPLICABILITY DATE: April 5, 2025

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PURPOSE

This memorandum governs Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds subject to the Universal Notice (90 FR 1754). In January 2025, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated \$12,070,701,000 in CDBG-DR funds from the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025 (Pub. L. 118-158) (“the 2025 Appropriations Act”) for unmet needs including additional mitigation activities for qualifying disasters occurring in 2023 or 2024. On January 15, 2025, an Allocation Announcement Notice (AAN) was put on public display and then published in the *Federal Register* on January 16, 2025 (90 FR 4759) (“January 2025 Notice”). That AAN made the requirements in the Universal Notice applicable to the funds announced in that notice.

On March 19, 2025, HUD published Memorandum 25-02 titled, “Revisions made to the Common Application, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grantees: The Universal Notice published in the Federal Register (90 FR 1754) and Clarifications to the Allocations for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery and Implementation of the CDBG–DR Consolidated Waivers and Alternative Requirements Notice Published in the Federal Register (90 FR 4759).” That memorandum included revisions to the Universal Notice to align requirements with the President’s executive orders and clarified that the funds announced in the January 2025 Notice are subject to the requirements in the Universal Notice, as may be amended, including as amended by Memorandum 25-02. This memorandum includes two additional changes to the Universal

Notice (90 FR 1754) to align with Executive Order 14218, which also apply to the funds announced in the January 2025 Notice.

WAIVER AND ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENT AUTHORITY

The 2025 Appropriations Act, approved December 21, 2024, made available \$12,039,000,000 in CDBG-DR funds. The 2025 Appropriations Act also provided that HUD allocate any unobligated no-year balances remaining from Public Laws 108–324, 109–148, 109–234, 110–252, 110–329, 111–212, 112–55, and 113–2 (the “Prior Appropriations Acts”). The sum of all unobligated balances from these Prior Appropriations Acts was \$31,701,000, bringing the total available funding for 2023 or 2024 disasters to \$12,070,701,000. These CDBG-DR funds are for necessary expenses for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) (HCDA) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the “most impacted and distressed” areas resulting from a qualifying major disaster in 2023 or 2024.

The 2025 Appropriations Act authorizes the Secretary to publish any waiver or alternative requirement provided pursuant to the 2025 Appropriations Act via a *Federal Register* notice or on the Department’s website, no later than 5 days before the effective date of such waiver or alternative requirement. For the alternative requirements included below, HUD is exercising its authority to publish on the Department’s website. For purposes of applying the alternative requirements reflected below to the funds announced in the January 2025 Notice, the Secretary has also determined that good cause exists, and the alternative requirements are not inconsistent with the overall purposes of title I of the HCDA.

REVISED UNIVERSAL NOTICE PROVISIONS

This memorandum revises two sections of the Universal Notice (90 FR 1754), pursuant to 2 CFR Part 200 and the following executive order:

- Executive Order 14218 (90 FR 10581) (“Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders”), signed on February 19, 2025.

The revisions to the Universal Notice can be viewed below. Additionally, HUD will publish an updated version of the Universal Notice for grantees to download at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/cdbg-dr/universal_notice_grantees. This version will include all revisions cited in this memo.

HUD amends the Universal Notice appearing on pages 90 FR 1754 – 1797 as follows:

- 1. Section “II.C. Obligation and Expenditure of Funds” at 90 FR 1766 is amended by adding the following paragraph after the last sentence:**

Additionally, grantees must administer their grant in accordance with all applicable

immigration restrictions and requirements, including the eligibility and verification requirements that apply under title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1601-1646) (PRWORA) and any applicable requirements that HUD, the Attorney General, or the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services may establish from time to time to comply with PRWORA. No grantee may use CDBG-DR funds in a manner that by design or effect facilitates the subsidization or promotion of illegal immigration or abets policies that seek to shield illegal aliens from deportation. Subject to the exceptions provided by PRWORA, the recipient must use SAVE, or an equivalent verification system approved by the Federal government, to prevent any Federal public benefit from being provided to an ineligible alien who entered the United States illegally or is otherwise unlawfully present in the United States.

2. Section “III.F.2.a. Corrective and remedial actions” at 90 FR 1788 is amended by adding the following text after the last sentence:

Per 2 CFR 200.340, HUD may terminate an award, to the greatest extent authorized by law, in whole or in part if HUD determines that the award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

Tennille Smith Parker, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 7282, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number 202-708-3587 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech and communication disabilities. Email inquiries may be sent to Disaster_Recovery@hud.gov.