

Notification for Public Comment Oklahoma 2023–2024 CDBG-DR Action Plan Substantial Amendment No. 1

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC) is pleased to announce the availability of Substantial Amendment No. 1 to Oklahoma's 2023–2024 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan for public review and comment.

ODOC is requesting public comments from citizens and other interested parties regarding Oklahoma's \$39,405,000.00 CDBG-DR Action Plan. These funds were provided to ODOC by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Public Law 118-158 to support long-term disaster recovery following severe storms occurring in 2023 and 2024.

Citizens and other interested parties are encouraged to review Substantial Amendment No. 1 and submit written comments to ODOC by 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2026.

Disaster-Affected Areas

The 2023–2024 CDBG-DR Action Plan describes the State's proposed use of \$39,405,000.00 in disaster recovery funding for impacts associated with severe storms affecting the following Oklahoma counties: Carter, Cleveland, Craig, Hughes, Johnston, Kay, Lincoln, Love, McClain, Murray, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Washington, and Washita Counties.

Summary of Proposed Changes

Substantial Amendment No. 1 updates the geographic scope for Oklahoma's 2023–2024 CDBG-DR funds by clarifying the Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas. The HUD-designated MID areas are identified as ZIP Codes 73401, 73010, 73086, and 74002, and at least 80% of CDBG-DR funds must be used to benefit these HUD MID areas. The State has also elected to expand the HUD MID areas to the county level for planning and implementation purposes.

The remaining 20% of funds may be used in State-designated MID areas outside the HUD MID ZIP Codes. The amendment also reallocates funding among recovery activities while maintaining the total grant amount of \$39,405,000.00, so that program funding more closely aligns with identified housing, infrastructure, and recovery needs. In addition, the amendment simplifies the Action Plan's presentation by reducing technical detail and making the document more accessible to stakeholders while keeping the core recovery programs intact.

Public Comment Period

ODOC will accept written comments regarding Substantial Amendment No. 1 during the public comment period beginning June 24, 2026, and ending July 27, 2026.

Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2026.

Comments may be submitted by email or phone as follows:

Email: disasterrecovery@okcommerce.gov

Phone: 405-343-3622

The 2023–2024 CDBG-DR Action Plan and Substantial Amendment No. 1 are available on ODOC’s CDBG-DR 2023–2024 website:

<https://www.okcommerce.gov/reporting-compliance/cdbg-disaster-recovery-2023-2024/>

Paper copies and translated copies are available upon request.

Accessibility and Language Access

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Information may also be made available in braille, audio format, or other accessible formats upon request. Specific translation services for additional languages will also be provided as necessary.

For translation services or other questions regarding the 2023–2024 CDBG-DR Action Plan or Substantial Amendment No. 1, please contact Jade Shain by email at jade.shain@okcommerce.gov.

Si necesita traducción al español, comuníquese con Jessica Izquierdo al 405-534-6814 o por correo electrónico a Jessica.izquierdo@okcommerce.gov.