

Opportunity to Provide Public Comment on Substantial Amendment No.2 to Oklahoma's 2019 CDBG-DR Grant Program

On January 27, 2020, a new Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) allocation notice was released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Federal Register Notice¹ (Vol. 85, No. 17, Page 4683 Public Law 116-20). Under this Federal Register Notice, Oklahoma is eligible to receive an allocation of \$36,353,000 in disaster recovery funds 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.*) to address long-term recovery needs, particularly in the area of housing recovery focusing on low and moderate-income beneficiaries.

The U.S. Department of Urban and Housing Development (HUD) approved the State's CDBG-DR Action Plan on November 10, 2020. **The State is proposing Substantial Amendment #2 to modify the Voluntary Buyout Program in the 2019 CDBG-DR Action Plan. Public comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on May 10, 2022.** The proposed changes would affect the following counties in Oklahoma: Alfalfa, Canadian, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Garfield, Kay, Kingfisher, Le Flore, Logan, Mayes, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Pottawatomie, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, Wagoner, Washington, and Woods.

Public comments can be submitted to Jade Shain at jade.shain@okcommerce.gov or by telephone 405-250-1844. Physical mail can be sent to: Jade Shain 900 N Stiles Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104. To read Substantial Amendment No.2 to the 2019 CDBG-DR Action Plan, please visit the following URL: <https://www.okcommerce.gov/wp-content/uploads/OK-2019-CDBG-DR-Action-Plan-Substantial-Amendment-2.pdf>

The CDBG-DR Program requires grantees to develop thoughtful recovery plans informed by local residents. Learn more about CDBG DR and the State's role in long-term disaster recovery at the State of Oklahoma Department of Commerce's disaster recovery website: <https://www.okcommerce.gov/reporting-compliance/cdbg-disaster-recovery-2019/>.

¹ Read the Federal Register Notice located here: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-01-27/pdf/2020-01204.pdf>