

Overview

The City of New York (“City” or “NYC”) received \$176 million of Community Development Block Grant - National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in January 2016 for the coastal protection of a portion of Lower Manhattan. The City is proposing a substantial amendment to its CDBG-NDR Action Plan (“Proposed CDBG-NDR Action Plan Amendment 1”) and releasing Amendment 1 for public comment. Amendment 1 makes the following changes:

General

- Updates project descriptions and other project information to be consistent current framing, including providing details on the Brooklyn Bridge to Montgomery Coastal Resiliency (BMCR) project, previously known as Two Bridges, and on Green Infrastructure Playgrounds, advanced in partnership between the City and the Trust for Public Land.
- Provides other updates to the BMCR project description, milestones, and beneficiaries based on 95% level design
- Announces additional funding commitments made by the City, particularly \$318 million of City capital investments for BMCR.
- Updates the CDBG-NDR grant disbursement deadline from September 2022 to September 2023.
- Reallocates \$3 million from Planning funds to BMCR project costs
- Reallocates \$3.8 million from Administration funds to BMCR project costs

The comment period on the proposed CDBG-NDR Action Plan Amendment 1 is open as of May 7, 2021.

Comments must be received no later than June 6, 2021 at 11:59PM. The Proposed CDBG-NDR Action Plan Amendment 1 and the public comment forms are available at <https://www.nyc.gov/cdbgdr>. Individuals will be able to read the amendment and the currently approved Action Plan and comment on the amendment in English, Spanish, Russian and Chinese (simplified). The online materials will also be accessible for the visually impaired. Paper copies of the Action Plan Amendment 1, including in large print format (18pt. font size), are available upon request.

Written comments may also be directed by mail to:

CDBG-NDR Action Plan Amendment
c/o Calvin Johnson, Senior Assistant Director
NYC Mayor’s Office of Management and Budget
255 Greenwich Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10007.

Comments may also be given at the public hearing listed below.

The public hearing schedule for proposed Amendment 1 is below. Hearing details are subject to change. Please check <http://www.nyc.gov/cdbgdr> for the most updated information.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Link: bit.ly/bmcr-zoom

At the end of the comment period, all comments will be reviewed, and a summary of the comments and the City’s responses will be made publicly available and submitted to HUD for approval as part of the CDBG-NDR Action Plan Amendment 1 approval process.

The revised Action Plan, Amendment 1, and any public comments and responses will be posted on the City’s CDBG-DR website at <http://www.nyc.gov/cdbgdr>.

City of New York: Bill de Blasio, Mayor
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Budget Director, NYC Office of Management and Budget

Date: May 7, 2021