



Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

Resiliency Efforts



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Resiliency Key Points and Efforts



No resiliency restrictions
on grants awarded by
DHCD



Any restrictions will be
governed by local
jurisdictional zoning and
planning organizations



Federal NDR funds were awarded
in direct support of National
Disaster Resilience programs



Building Codes

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Resilience

National Disaster Resilience (NDR)

On September 17, 2014, HUD released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - National Disaster Resilience Competition (CDBG-NDR).

Awarded almost \$1 billion in funding for disaster recovery and long-term community resilience through a two-phase competition process.

All states and units of general local governments with major disasters declared in 2011, 2012 and 2013 were eligible to participate in Phase 1 of the competition.

Based on a review of the Phase 1 application, 40 states and communities were invited to compete in the second and final phase of the National Disaster Resilience Competition.

Applicants were required to tie their proposals back to the eligible disaster from which they were recovering.

Applicants were required to complete a benefit-cost analysis for the proposed projects.

On January 21, 2016, HUD announced 8 state CDBG-NDR finalists.

NDR Recipients

California	\$70,359,459
Connecticut	\$54,277,359
Iowa	\$96,887,177
Louisiana	\$92,629,249
New Jersey	\$15,000,000
New York	\$35,800,000
Tennessee	\$44,502,374
Virginia	\$120,549,000

Norfolk Ohio Creek Watershed

Awarded a \$112 million of the federal grant from the National Disaster Resilience Competition for the Ohio Creek Watershed Project. Using a resilient approach, the project explored and implemented new and innovative ways to address major flooding concerns, improve connection to the remainder of the city, deconcentrate poverty and strengthen the neighborhood community.

A ribbon cutting for the project was held last week in Norfolk.



RISE

A nonprofit organization dedicated to helping coastal communities adapt to climate change and sea level rise, RISE was awarded \$5.5 million of the National Disaster Resilience Competition funding and \$5 million of state match funds. The organization accelerates innovation and business growth by assisting entrepreneurs in the development and testing of scalable solutions to some of the most pressing environmental issues municipalities face today.

RISE will provide a briefing later that will address some very current issues, one of which is the topic of flood insurance which will be the focus of their next challenge 2023-2024.

Resiliency and Building Codes

- Building codes are regulations used to establish minimal life safety requirements for the construction, alteration and repair of buildings and other structures. They underpin how we design and construct housing and other building types. While the intent of building codes originally focused on life safety, there has been a shift to think more broadly, incorporating aspects of both sustainability and resilience. Recent increases in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events have also increased interest in the building code and its impact on sustainability and resilience
- Building codes are a fundamental contributor to community resilience. A community cannot be resilient without resilient buildings and resilience in the built environment starts with strong, regularly updated, and properly administered building codes.
- In 2021, DHCD was awarded a FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) grant. The grant provided funding for DHCD to make ICC's "When Disaster Strikes" training available to all code enforcement personnel throughout Virginia free of charge. The course equips inspectors with the knowledge and skills needed to conduct post-disaster building safety assessments. This training is the first step toward establishing a statewide Disaster Response Network of trained inspectors that are ready to assist, wherever the need is throughout the state, with critical post-disaster building safety assessments.

Questions?



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