



2024 CDBG-DR Problem Solving Clinic

Reducing Administrative Burden



May 7-9, 2024
St. Louis, MO

Problem Solving Clinic Agenda

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Registration**

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **2024 CDBG-DR Problem Solving Clinic Welcome and Networking Event**

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Break (Attendees to Explore Clinic Layout)**

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Understanding the History of CDBG-DR and Looking Towards the Future**

Unveiling the Power of DRGR Analytics: Top Ten Techniques to Elevate Your Recovery Narratives

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

CDBG-DR Basics and Beyond

A New American Dream: Resilient Affordable Rental Housing

Resource Room: HUD Policy Development and Research: Current Research, and Federal Climate Services (Data)



One on One Appointment #1

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Maximizing Your CDBG-DR Funds: Navigating Eligible Activities and National Objectives

Environmental Review Mini Sessions: Enhancing Process Efficiencies and Incorporating New Environmental Criteria

Resource Room: Follow-Up Conversations on Resilient Affordable Rental Housing



One on One Appointment #2

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In-Person Only

General Sessions

Breakout Sessions

Resource Rooms

One on One Appointments

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Clinic Day 2 Kick Off

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Policy Corner: Decoding Complex Requirements and Shaping Future CDBG-DR Policy

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Strengthening
Disaster
Preparedness with
CDBG-DR Funding**

**Making the Most of
Your Unmet Needs
Assessment**

**Resource Room:
Conversations
with ODR's Policy
Division**



**One on One
Appointment #3**

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

**Empowering Your Community
through Workforce
Development Initiatives**

**Maximizing Mitigation:
Showcasing Mitigation
Activities and Approaches**

**One on One
Appointment #4**

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Strengthening Coordination
with Indian Tribes in
Disaster Recovery**

Coming Soon

**One on One
Appointment #5**

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Coming Soon

**Effective Anti-Displacement
Strategies to Safeguard
Communities During Recovery**

**One on One
Appointment #6**

KEY **In-Person Only**

General Sessions

Breakout Sessions

Resource Rooms

One on One Appointments

Thursday, May 9, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Clinic Day 3 Kick Off

9:45 p.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Flood Insurance and
Its Role in Recovery**

**Empowering
Economic
Revitalization:
Leveraging Synergy,
Partnership, Equity,
and Resilience**

**Resource Room:
Room for Everyone:
Reasonable
Accommodations
and Fair Housing
in the Wake of
Disasters**



**One on One
Appointment #7**

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Navigating
Compliance to
Detect and Prevent
a Duplication of
Benefits**

**Streamlining
Procurement
and Contractor
Management in
CDBG-DR Home
Repair Programs**

**Resource Room:
Streamlining
CDBG-DR-funded
Business Recovery
and Revitalization
Programs**



**One on One
Appointment #8**

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Coming Soon

**Enhancing Accessibility:
Navigating Reasonable
Accommodations in Housing**

**One on One
Appointment #9**

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2024 CDBG-DR Problem Solving Clinic Closing Remarks

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Grantee Clinic Wrap Up With Your Grant Manager



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In-Person Only

General Sessions

Breakout Sessions

Resource Rooms

One on One Appointments



Session Descriptions

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

2024 CDBG-DR Problem Solving Clinic Welcome and Networking Event

Kick off a meaningful 2024 CDBG-DR Problem Solving Clinic at the welcome and networking event. Beginning with opening remarks from HUD's leadership who will welcome attendees and spotlight notable achievements since the last Clinic. Stay informed with a Clinic overview, covering essential logistics for both for in-person and virtual attendees, technology updates, and a thorough review of the agenda. Then, take advantage of the networking opportunity to reconnect with colleagues from past events and forge connections with new attendees, setting the stage for a collaborative problem solving throughout the week.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Understanding the History of CDBG-DR and Looking Towards the Future

This session will review the significant milestones in CDBG-DR funding to provide context for the multidimensional changes that have occurred over time, including eligible activities, funding competitions, specialty appropriations, and waivers and alternative requirements. Additionally, this session will dive into the Office of Disaster Recovery's plan for the future of CDBG-DR.

Unveiling the Power of DRGR Analytics: Top Ten Techniques to Elevate Your Recovery Narratives

HUD's Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting (DRGR) system is an essential component for capturing the successes of CDBG-DR funded programs and projects. It not only tells the story of recovery and resiliency but also documents the transformative impacts this funding has on communities during recovery. In this session, attendees will learn strategies to improve data quality, troubleshoot common problems, and harness the full potential of DRGR reports to craft compelling narratives of progress and impacts.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

CDBG-DR Basics and Beyond

This session offers a comprehensive overview of CDBG-DR, highlighting its distinctions from the standard CDBG program. In this session, presenters will provide practical recommendations for grantees to consider when developing their action plan, implementation plan and administrative systems. Attendees will gain insights on how to design and structure their programs to be "monitoring-ready" and adopt other strategies to streamline processes that maximizing impact. This session provides a solid foundation for those newer to the CDBG-DR funds as well as a refresher for more experienced staff.

A New American Dream: Resilient Affordable Rental

This session explores diverse rental programs CDBG-DR grantees and their subrecipients can develop post-disaster to replace or build new affordable housing. Attendees will discover techniques to pinpoint rental needs through unmet needs analysis and learn about successful rental programs benefiting vulnerable communities.



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2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Maximizing Your CDBG-DR Funds: Navigating Eligible Activities and National Objectives

This session explores various eligible activities and national objectives found in the CDBG-DR, offering practical tips for effective program implementation. Discover successful methods of implementation and learn strategies to document compliance with national objectives. Additionally, this session aims to uncover common challenges associated with specific activities, empowering grantees and subrecipients to navigate complex requirements with ease, facilitating a smoother recovery.

Environmental Review Mini Sessions: Enhancing Process Efficiencies and Incorporating New Environmental Criteria

The session will contain two primary themes to enhance Responsible Entities' (RE) capabilities in successfully processing environmental reviews under 24 CFR Part 58, focusing on two primary themes: process efficiencies and new environmental criteria. Following a brief overview of the environmental review process, this session will dive into strategies for adopting another Federal agency's environmental review. The session will also guide attendees through the Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Authority to Use Grant Funds (AUGF) process, ensuring REs can successfully and efficiently navigate the process. Lastly, the session will review FFRMS, HUD's new radon policy, and the climate change impacts factor, and how they relate to administering CDBG-DR funding.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Clinic Day 2 Kick Off

Don't miss the Day 2 kick-off to get up to speed and optimize your day. We will start with a brief recap of the sessions held on Day 1, providing attendees with an opportunity to reflect and catch up on any missed events. We will also outline the agenda for Day 2, assisting attendees in prioritizing their "must-see" sessions. This introductory session will conclude with structured time to continue networking and fostering connections among attendees.

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Policy Corner: Decoding Complex Requirements and Shaping Future CDBG-DR Policy

Explore the pivotal role of the Office of Disaster Recovery's (ODR) Policy Division in shaping CDBG-DR policy. Discover how feedback gathered during the Request for Information (RFI) process informs the development of the future "Universal Notice". Attendees will also learn more about HUD's waiver authority and the essential steps grantees should follow to successfully request waivers with a "good cause" justification. Additionally, gain a high-level understanding of recent statutory changes and new guidance impacting CDBG-DR implementation.



Wednesday, May 8, 2024 (continued)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Strengthening Disaster Preparedness with CDBG-DR Funding

Attendees will discover effective strategies to enhance preparedness for future disaster and to efficiently rollout long-term recovery programs after a disaster. Learn about “preparedness” through the lens of planning and engagement, gaining valuable guidance on leveraging existing resources and program guidelines to foster a proactive mindset of readiness frame of preparedness.

Making the Most of Your Unmet Needs Assessment

The unmet needs assessment is a critical tool for illustrating disaster impacts and recovery needs to the public and HUD. However, effectively collecting, analyzing and narrating the data can be a challenge. This session addresses how to develop an unmet needs assessment that clearly connects the dots between unmet needs and funding allocations while ensuring equitable recovery. Grantees will learn strategies to facilitate collaboration between program staff and GIS staff, develop critical thinking filters to analyze the data, and gain an understanding of when and how unmet needs should be re-assessed.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Empowering Your Community through Workforce Development Initiatives

Learn about impactful CDBG-DR investments in workforce development. This session will dive into real-world case studies from grantees and subrecipients, showcasing successful job training programs and effective collaborations with employers. Additionally, learn about Section 3 worker recruitment strategies and discover opportunities for leveraging other Federal funds to bolster workforce initiatives

Maximizing Mitigation: Showcasing Mitigation Activities and Approaches

This session will review key requirements and diverse strategies to utilize CDBG-DR funds for mitigation effectively. From standalone activities and programs to seamlessly integrating mitigation elements into recovery endeavors, discover practical examples across housing, infrastructure, economic development, planning, and public services. Gain valuable insights and inspiration to leverage mitigation funds to enhance disaster resilience in your community.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Strengthening Coordination with Indian Tribes in Disaster Recovery

Disasters disproportionately impact Indian tribes, especially those that are often located in remote areas with aging infrastructure and limited resources. Despite these vulnerabilities, they may not receive adequate assistance after a disaster. As such, this session aims to facilitate productive engagement with Indian tribes and tribal leadership during disasters. Key topics include understanding the government-to-government relationship, and other special considerations when engaging with Indian tribes in specific jurisdictions

Coming Soon



Wednesday, May 8, 2024 (continued)

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Coming Soon

Effective Anti-Displacement Strategies to Safeguard Communities During Recovery

Explore various factors contributing to community vulnerability to displacement before and after a disaster event in this session. Attendees will discover actionable strategies and tools available to mitigate impacts of displacement. This session dive into the use of CDBG-DR funds through the broader context interconnected economic, environmental justice, and climate concerns that often lead to displacement. Learn about holistic approaches encompassing planning, housing preservation and development, relocation assistance, and linkages to vital services, all aimed at preserving the fabric of disaster-affected communities.

Thursday, May 9, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Clinic Day 3 Kick Off

We will begin our final morning together with a brief recap of Day 2 and a rundown of what's in store for Day 3 on the agenda. We will revisit our theme and key takeaways, equipping you with practical strategies to reduce administrative burden and streamline disaster recovery. We will also preview where to find valuable materials and resources associated with the Clinic.

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Flood Insurance and Its Role in Recovery

Dive into the crucial role of flood insurance in facilitating recovery from flooding events in this session. In this session, attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a vital FEMA program that provides federally subsidized flood insurance to participating communities. Learn how flood insurance can expedite community recovery efforts and explore the intricate relationship between federal flood insurance requirements and CDBG-DR funding.

Empowering Economic Revitalization: Leveraging Synergy, Partnership, Equity, and Resilience

This session will feature a dynamic session focused on strategic synergy for economic revitalization. A panel of experts from Federal agencies will offer insights into available resources to support economic recovery following a disaster. Discover how economic recovery and housing recovery can support each other and explore case studies showcasing the effective utilization and coordination of CDBG-DR funds with other Federal funding streams for economic revitalization.



Thursday, May 9, 2024 (continued)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Navigating Compliance to Detect and Prevent a Duplication of Benefits

In times of disaster, navigating the complexities of federal assistance programs is crucial for communities and individuals in need. This session focuses on understanding and implementing requirements to detect and prevent duplication of benefits (DOB). This session will share practical strategies for conducting a DOB analysis, documenting compliance with the requirements, and other methods to minimize the chance of CDBG-DR funds duplicating other sources of financial assistance.

Streamlining Procurement and Contractor Management in CDBG-DR Home Repair Programs

Procurement poses significant challenges in disaster recovery, particularly programs that serve individual homeowners. This session provides invaluable strategies for streamlining the procurement and management of home repair contractors using CDBG-DR funds. Key topics will include contractor prequalification, unit pricing, awarding unit-priced contracts to prequalified contractors, and documenting compliance with 2 CFR 200.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Coming Soon

Enhancing Accessibility: Navigating Reasonable Accommodations in Housing

This session will provide an overview of the reasonable accommodation process, aimed at improving access to services for beneficiaries. Explore the rights and obligations of grantees in providing reasonable accommodations, with a focus on best practices and tools to maximize accessibility in their programs.

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2024 CDBG-DR Problem Solving Clinic Closing Remarks

As the Clinic comes to an end, join us for closing thoughts on how to take the information on reducing administrative burden back to your organization and leverage those gains to boost disaster recovery.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Grantee Clinic Wrap-Up With Your Grant Manager (IN PERSON ONLY)

Where do I go from here? Join us for this bonus in-person session where attendees have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with their grant managers. They will touch on individual strategies for implementing strategies learned at this year's clinic in their real-life practice.