



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. CDT **Registration (Outside of Grand Ballroom ABC)**

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

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


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

Unveiling the Power of DRGR Analytics: Top Ten Reports to Elevate Your Recovery Narratives
Grand Ballroom ABC

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. CDT **Lunch**

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. CDT **CDBG-DR Basics and Beyond**
Grand Ballroom DEF

A New American Dream: Resilient Affordable Rental Housing
Grand Ballroom ABC


Resource Room: Climate Services and Research on CDBG-DR
Midway 6 

One-on-one Appointment #1
Midway Suites 1-5

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT **Break**

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT **Maximizing Your CDBG-DR Funds: Navigating Eligible Activities and National Objectives**
Grand Ballroom DEF

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

Resource Room: Follow-Up Conversations on Resilient Affordable Rental Housing
Midway 6 

One-on-one Appointment #2
Midway Suites 1-5
*2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

KEY  In-Person Only

General Session/Breakout 1

Breakout 2

Resource Room

One-on-one Appointments

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. CDT

Clinic Day 2 Kick Off

Grand Ballroom DEF

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. CDT

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

Grand Ballroom DEF

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CDT

Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDT

Strengthening Disaster Preparedness with CDBG-DR Funding

Grand Ballroom DEF

Making the Most of Your Unmet Needs Assessment

Grand Ballroom ABC

Resource Room: Conversations with ODR's Policy Division

Midway 6



One-on-one Appointment #3

Midway Suites 1-5

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. CDT

Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. CDT

Empowering Your Community through Workforce Development Initiatives

Grand Ballroom DEF

Maximizing Mitigation: Showcasing Mitigation Activities and Approaches

Grand Ballroom ABC

One-on-one Appointment #4

Midway Suites 1-5

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. CDT

Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. CDT

Strengthening Coordination with Indian Tribes in Disaster Recovery

Grand Ballroom DEF

Mitigation Needs Assessment: Climate Services

Grand Ballroom ABC

One-on-one Appointment #5

Midway Suites 1-5

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT

Break

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CDT

Fraud Risk Management – An Overview

Grand Ballroom DEF

Effective Anti-Displacement Strategies to Safeguard Communities During Recovery

Grand Ballroom ABC

One-on-one Appointment #6

Midway Suites 1-5



General Session/Breakout 1

Breakout 2

Resource Room

One-on-one Appointments

Thursday, May 9, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. CDT

Clinic Day 3 Kick Off

Grand Ballroom DEF

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. CDT


**Flood Insurance and
Its Role in Recovery**

Grand Ballroom DEF

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

Grand Ballroom ABC

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

Midway 6 

**One-on-one
Appointment #7**

Midway Suites 1-5

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CDT

Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDT

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

Grand Ballroom DEF

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

Grand Ballroom ABC

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

Midway 6 

**One-on-one
Appointment #8**

Midway Suites 1-5

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. CDT

Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. CDT

**Advancing Local Resilience:
Explore Opportunities to
Leverage CDBG-DR Funds**

Grand Ballroom DEF

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

Grand Ballroom ABC

**One-on-one
Appointment #9**

Midway Suites 1-5

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. CDT

Break


2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CDT

2024 CDBG-DR Problem Solving Clinic Closing Remarks

Grand Ballroom DEF

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT

Grantee Clinic Wrap Up With Your Grant Manager

Grand Ballroom DEF 

KEY  In-Person Only

General Session/Breakout 1

Breakout 2

Resource Room

One-on-one Appointments



Session Descriptions

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CDT

Registration

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. CDT

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. Begin 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. CDT

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 Reports 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 resilience 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. CDT

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.



Tuesday, May 7, 2024 (continued)

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT

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

This 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. CDT

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. CDT

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

Explore the pivotal role of the Office of Disaster Recovery's (ODR) Policy Division in shaping CDBG-DR policy. 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. CDT

Strengthening Disaster Preparedness with CDBG-DR Funding

Attendees will discover effective strategies to enhance preparedness for future disasters 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. CDT

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. CDT

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.

Mitigation Needs Assessment: Climate Services

This session will provide a playbook of resources and data sets to support CDBG-DR grantees as they assess future risk within their mitigation needs assessment. CDBG-DR grantees are required to use their FEMA approved state or local Hazard Mitigation Plan as a starting place and then cite additional data sources to address current and future risk. Presenters will provide framework to national data sets and resources that grantees can use to augment their own ArcGIS data sets and maps to support the assessment of future risk while responding to the footprint of current disasters.



Wednesday, May 8, 2024 (continued)

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CDT

Fraud Risk Management – An Overview

HUD Office of Inspector General (OIG)'s Disaster Recovery Audit Division will provide a brief overview of HUD OIG. The session will focus on fraud risk management and why it is important to include this concept in your programs. This session will cover designing program processes with fraud awareness in mind, creating strong internal controls, locating fraud risk management resources, and understanding common fraud schemes and how OIG's prior work relates to risk management.

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 dives 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. CDT

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. CDT

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. CDT

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. CDT

Advancing Local Resilience: Explore Opportunities to Leverage CDBG-DR Funds

Discover the potential to leverage CDBG-DR funding with the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to bolster community housing, infrastructure, and economic resilience. This session will review these funding opportunities, including key dates, and highlighted initiatives that could amplify the impact of the CDBG-DR funds on climate resilience and environmental justice.

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. CDT

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. CDT

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.



Resource Room Descriptions

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. CDT

Climate Services and Research on CDBG-DR

Would you like to explore what federal climate data is available for your programs and mitigation needs assessment? Or would you like to engage in current or future HUD research on CDBG-DR? Stop by the table to learn more about what is going on in the research arm of HUD.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT

Follow-Up Conversations on Resilient Affordable Rental Housing

Join the presenters from *A New American Dream: Resilient Affordable Rental Housing* to dive into any questions or session specific follow-up. Feedback from this session will help influence future training and technical assistance resource to support recovery needs for renters.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDT

Conversations with ODR's Policy Division

Engage with the Office of Disaster Recovery's Policy Division and provide feedback on existing policy products and make recommendations on future products (i.e. trainings, policy briefs, FAQs, toolkits, etc.) that would support CDBG-DR grantees with implementing their funds.

Thursday, May 9, 2024

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. CDT

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

Participate in discussions with fair housing practitioners to expand participants knowledge and tools needed to navigate the complexities of fair housing and accommodations in post-disaster scenarios.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDT

Streamlining CDBG-DR-Funded Business Recovery and Revitalization Programs

CDBG-DR economic revitalization practitioners will provide an overview of options for structuring business recovery programs, including ways to minimize the administrative burden of implementing these programs. Staff will also answer questions for grantees who are considering these types of programs, who have allocated funds for these programs, and/or whose programs are underway.