Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery

What is it?

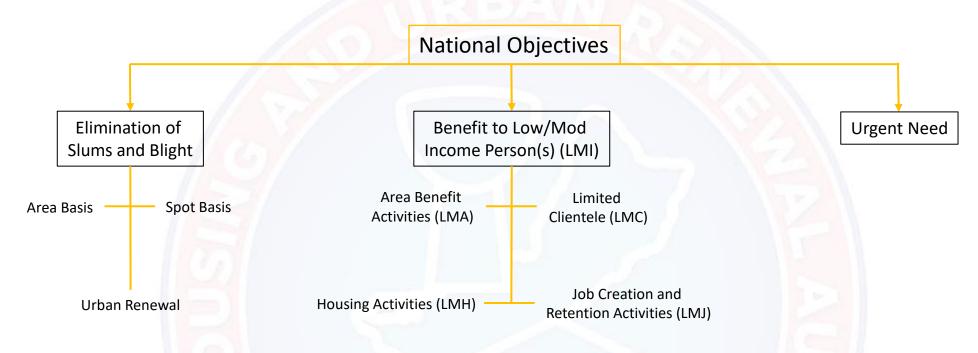
CDBG-DR funds are provided for necessary expenses for activities authorized under Title I of the HCDA related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation of risk associated with activities carried out for these purposes, in the "most impacted and distressed" (MID) areas (identified by HUD or the grantee) resulting from a major disaster. All CDBG-DR funded activities must address an impact of the disaster for which funding was allocated (i.e., tie-back to the disaster). Accordingly, each activity must:

- (1) address a direct or indirect impact from the disaster in a MID area
- (2) be a CDBG-eligible activity (or be eligible under a waiver or alternative requirement); and
- (3) meet a national objective. All activities except for mitigation activities.

Where are we?

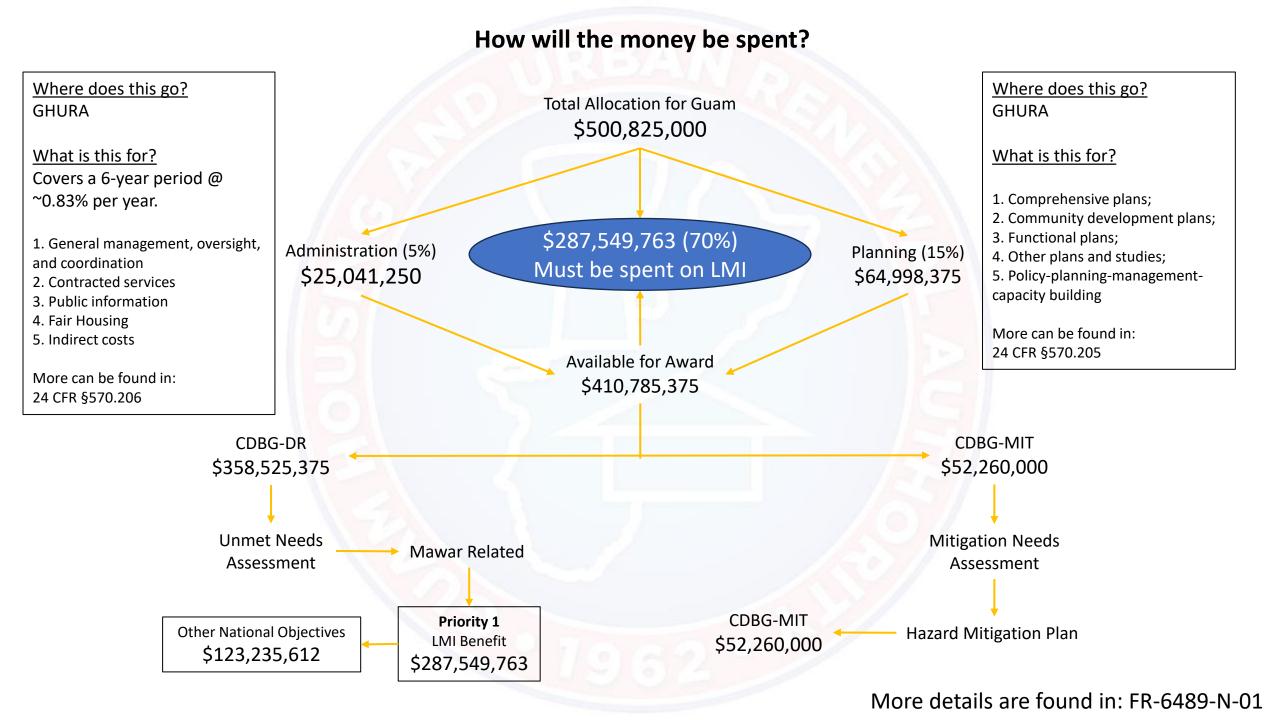
- We are only in the beginning of this grant
- GHURA is conducting an Unmet Needs Assessment and must develop an Action Plan
- The Action Plan can be amended as many times as necessary; it's anticipated that States amend their Action Plan as new needs and information come

What are the National Objectives?



What are the main take aways?

- HUD requires that, 70% of funding must benefit and be eligible under the LMI objective
- This is only the beginning



What CAN'T it be spent on?

- Buildings or portions thereof, used in the general conduct of government (CDBG-DR: Non-Federal Match Allowed)
- General government expenses
- Political activities
- Purchase of equipment is generally ineligible:
 - Construction equipment
 - Furnishings and personal property:
 - Equipment (Very limited circumstances)
 - fixtures
 - motor vehicles (CDBG-DR: Very limited circumstances)
 - furnishings
 - other personal property not an integral structure fixture
- Operating and maintenance expenses is generally ineligible
 - Specific exceptions exist for when associated with public service activities and interim assistance
- Income payments

What's next?

- GHURA is asking stakeholders and the public for comments and input on unmet needs related to Typhoon Mawar.
 Comments and input will be used in the development of the Unmet Needs Assessment and will inform priority;
 needs for Guam and drive the budget for eligible projects
- The Unmet Needs Assessment considers existing and new needs not recognized by other programs and funding sources, considering community-wide and individual needs
- An Action Plan will be drafted that will allocate funds into three primary categories:
 - 1. Housing
 - 2. Infrastructure/Public Facilities
 - 3. Economic Revitalization
- The draft Action Plan will be published for stakeholder and public comments for 30-days
- GHURA will consider public comments and make adjustments to the draft Action Plan as necessary
- GHURA will transmit the proposed Action Plan to HUD for review and approval
- HUD will analyze the proposed Action Plan against Federal Data and the Unmet Needs Assessment and approve
 or require amendments within 45 days

More details are found in: 24 CFR §570.207 and FR-6489-N-01

How are needs prioritized?

- GHURA will consider the following key questions when evaluating priorities:
 - 1. Does the proposed project/activity meet post-disaster unmet needs?
 - 2. Is the project sustainable?
 - 3. Is the project feasible?
 - 4. Can the project be executed in a timely manner? Does that time frame further the long-term recovery vision?
 - 5. Does the project/program trigger additional investment by other parties in the project itself; cost shared projects are weighted higher
 - 6. Will the project trigger further investment/reinvestment in the surrounding neighborhood? In the community at large?
 - 7. Does the project/program exacerbate pre-disaster market vulnerabilities?

For example, if the community had a soft housing market prior to the disaster and the community is choosing to rebuild an overabundance of housing projects, the recovery efforts could recreate the original pre-disaster market vulnerability

LMI projects/programs will be the <u>first</u> to be prioritized

How do I provide input?

• GHURA requests that input be provided in writing so they can be catalogued and evaluated. Public Comments can be placed in GHURA's drop box at 117 Bien Venida Ave, Sinajana or by email for your convenience at:

Public Comments: public@guamdr.org

Stakeholder Comments: <u>stakeholder@guamdr.org</u>

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