



THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

National Disaster Resilience

Proposed Substantial Amendment 2
Proposed Adjustments and Reallocations
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City of New Orleans
National Disaster Resilience Competition Grant
Proposed Substantial Amendment 2 to Action Plan

Overview

The City of New Orleans is the recipient of \$141,260,569.00 in Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) to assist in undertaking projects and programs that will enhance local communities' recovery from past disasters while improving their ability to withstand future extreme events.

Substantial Amendments.

The following modifications constitute a substantial amendment requiring HUD approval:

1. Any change to the funded portions of the application that HUD determines, based generally on the guidelines of the NOFA (as adjusted for HUD's scaling and scoping of the award), would present a significant change to the grantee's capacity to carry out the grant (including loss of a partner without addressing lost capacity through replacement or contingency plan identified in the application);
2. Any change to the funded portions of the application that HUD determines, based generally on the guidelines of the NOFA (as adjusted for HUD's scaling and scoping of the award), would undermine the grantee's soundness of approach (including the benefit cost analysis);
3. Any change to the Most Impacted and Distressed target area(s) (a revised area must meet Most Impacted and Distressed threshold requirements in the NOFA, including Appendix G to the NOFA);
4. Any change in program benefit, beneficiaries, or eligibility criteria, and the allocation or reallocation of more than 10 percent of the grant award;
5. Any change to the leverage that was pledged and approved in the grantee's grant agreement;
6. The addition or deletion of an eligible activity.

The City is publishing a proposed Substantial Amendment 2 for public comment.

Substantial Amendment #2 makes the following changes:

Urban Water

- Reallocates \$9,048,800 from Milneburg to St. Bernard Stormwater Campus
- Reallocates \$5,634,535.00 from Microgrids to Energy Redundancy & Monitoring

General Updates:

Updates Key Personnel section not provide up-to date personnel working on the NDRC Grant.

Changes to the Action Plan are highlighted in **yellow** in the text.

The proposed Substantial Amendment #2, along with the current approved Substantial Amendment #1 can be viewed at: (<https://nola.gov/next/community-development/topics/ndrc-grant-information/>)

Public Comment

The comment period on the proposed CDBG-DR NDRC Action Plan Amendment #2 is open as of May 13, 2025. Comments must be received no later than June 13, 2025, 5:00pm. The link to the comment card is:

<https://nola.gov/nola/media/community-development/ndrc-comment-cards.pdf>.

The public meeting for proposed Substantial Amendment# 2 is May 28, 2025 at 5:00pm at the New Orleans Mosquito and Termite Control Building (2100 Leon C. Simon Dr).

At the end of the comment period, all comments will be reviewed, and a City response will be incorporated in a Responses to Public Comment document. A summary of the comments and the City's responses will be submitted to HUD for approval as part of the CDBG-DR NDR Substantial Amendment #2. The NDR Action Plan and all amendments and any public comments and responses will be posted on the City's website:

<https://nola.gov/next/community-development/topics/ndrc-grant-information/>

Questions and Responses from the public comment period are attached as Exhibit A.

Substantial Amendment #2 Summary

Project Deletion

- Milneburg Neighborhood will not be continued with NDR funds. However, due to the significance of the project, HMGP funds will continue the project's development and implementation.
- Microgrids will not continue with NDR funds. However, the City will utilize Restore Louisiana Grant funds to incorporate Resilient Hubs in LMI neighborhoods.

Reallocation

- The St. Bernard Stormwater Campus project is ready to construction. During the final project design, it was noted that the project is now experiencing cost overruns and inflation. Therefore, we are reallocating **\$9,048,800.00** million dollars for completion.
- The Energy Redundancy and Monitoring project is ready for advertisement. The project is expected to be completed in 18 months. However, due to cost escalation, we have proposed an increase of **\$5,634,535.00** million dollars in additional funds.

Key Personnel

The working relationships among individuals and departments are further detailed in the following list of senior management listed below: Organizational Chart currently being updated.

- Gilbert Montano - Chief Administrative Officer
- Jeff Schwartz – Director, Office of Economic Development:
- Tyra Johnson Brown – Director, Office of Housing Policy and Community Development
- Joseph Threat, Sr.- Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Resilience Officer
- Randy Hayman -- Executive Director, Sewerage and Water Board (SWBNO)
- Kyle Homan – PDU Director of Operations and Capital Budget
- Rick Hathaway –Interim Director of Public Works
- Brenda Breaux – Executive Director, New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA)
- Steven Giang – Deputy General Superintendent, Sewerage and Water Board
- Vincent Smith – Director Capital Projects Administration
- Robert Rivers – Director, City Planning Commission
- Lauren Muse- Director, Special Projects and Strategic Engagement Office
- Joseph Threat, Sr.- – Interim Director of Stormwater and Green Infrastructure
- Corcherrie Allen- Director of Administrative Support

CDBG-DR NDRC Reallocation of Funds for Proposed Substantial Amendment #2

<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Current Action Plan #1 Allocation</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>		<u>Resulting Allocation</u>	<u>Leverage Funds</u>	<u>Total Project Allocation</u>	<u>CNO Repayment</u>
-	-	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	-	-	-	-
Blue Green Corridors	\$42,811,380.00			\$42,811,380.00	\$111,452,910.58	\$154,264,290.58	
NDR Dillard Wetland	\$6,793,561.00			\$6,793,561.00	\$6,500,000.00	\$13,293,561.00	
Milneburg Neighborhood Stormwater Resilience	\$9,048,800.00	-\$9,048,800.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$380,180.85
Mirabeau Water Garden	\$12,400,871.00			\$12,400,871.00	\$12,300,000.00	\$24,700,871.00	
Gentilly Canals and Lagoons	\$560,843.00			\$560,843.00		\$560,843.00	
Pontilly Neighborhood Green Infrastructure	\$3,393,300.00			\$3,393,300.00	\$13,500,000.00	\$16,893,300.00	
St. Anthony Green Streets	\$20,109,826.00			\$20,109,826.00	\$11,672,728.14	\$31,782,554.14	
St. Bernard Neighborhood Campus	\$15,419,143.00		\$9,048,800.00	\$24,467,943.00	\$2,201,483.81	\$26,669,426.81	
Retrofit Private Properties	\$6,163,625.00			\$6,163,625.00		\$6,163,625.00	
Energy Redundancy & Monitoring	\$1,265,178.00		\$5,634,535.00	\$6,899,713.00	\$0.00	\$6,899,713.00	
Microgrids	\$5,634,535.00	-\$5,634,535.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$22,390.66
Water Monitoring Network	\$1,284,672.00			\$1,284,672.00		\$1,284,672.00	
Workforce Development	\$3,000,000.00			\$3,000,000.00		\$3,000,000.00	
Planning	\$6,311,806.55			\$6,311,806.55		\$6,311,806.55	
Administration	\$7,063,028.45			\$7,063,028.45		\$7,063,028.45	
TOTAL	\$141,260,569.00	(\$14,683,335.00)	\$14,683,335.00	\$141,260,569.00	\$157,627,122.53	\$298,887,691.53	\$402,571.51