

# **STATE OF ILLINOIS**

## **Action Plan Amendment No.9**

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**Supplemental CDBG Disaster Recovery 1800 ("Ike") Funding**

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STATE OF ILLINOIS**



## ILLINOIS CDBG "IKE" ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT (NO.9)

Through this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery (DR) 1800 ("Ike") proposed plan amendment, Illinois is providing for greater flexibility in awarding "Ike" funds through the methods outlined below. This request reflects Illinois' commitment to utilize and award "Ike" funding in a manner that best supports the needs of Illinois residents and communities, and that can be assisted with CDBG Disaster "Ike" program funding.

To further support the needs of Illinois communities within the *Federally-Designated Areas Eligible for CDBG "Ike" Assistance (Exhibit A)* the State of Illinois is proposing to make revisions described below to Illinois' CDBG "Ike" Disaster Recovery Action Plan- Community Stabilization Program (CSP) component.

### Public Comment Period

In accordance with CDBG requirements, DCEO has posted draft changes to the Illinois CDBG Disaster Recovery Action Plan in order to provide opportunity for public comment. The proposed Amended Plan for the Community Stabilization Program is available on DCEO's website, at: [http://www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo/Bureaus/Community\\_Development/CDBG+Disaster+Recovery+Programs/](http://www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo/Bureaus/Community_Development/CDBG+Disaster+Recovery+Programs/).

Interested parties should feel free to submit comments in writing or via email to DCEO. Comments may be directed to: Maureen Palmer, Deputy Director, Office of Community Development, DCEO, 100 West Randolph, Suite 3-400, Chicago, IL 60601, or emailed to [maureen.palmer@illinois.gov](mailto:maureen.palmer@illinois.gov), with "Public Comment to Ike Plan Amendment No.9" in the email subject line.

### Preface to the Proposed "Ike"- Community Stabilization Program (CSP) Changes

Illinois recognizes that the needs within its communities are both varied and unique. With an increased understanding of the needs of communities eligible for Illinois' Ike Disaster Recovery program funding (see Exhibit A), Illinois is proposing to amend the IKE Community Stabilization Program (CSP) component. Further refinement to the IKE CSP component are proposed in order to: (1) clarify the range of eligible applicants, (2) expand the various national objectives the state will consider in awarding grants under the CSP program and (3) lower the minimum individual award threshold from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000. These changes will allow the state to award a greater range of projects presented for CSP funding consideration.

The IKE CSP program amendment No.9 is detailed on the following pages:

## **Illinois CDBG "Ike" Action Plan Amendment (No.9)**

The **previous** parameters for the Ike Community Stabilization Program were as follows:

### **Illinois' Ike Community Stabilization Program Illinois CDBG "Ike" Action Plan Amendment (No. 4)**

1. Allocation for Activity: \$20,000,000.
2. Eligible Applicants:
  - i. Local governments (including cities, counties, etc.) in Ike-eligible communities,
  - ii. Two or more Ike-eligible local communities working in support of a single or collaborative project,
  - iii. Not-for-profit organizations on behalf of one or more Ike-eligible local communities,
  - iv. Local communities on behalf of private companies, currently located or seeking to locate in an "Ike"-eligible community, that do not meet Ike-Small or Large business program criteria, when the area is slum/ blight, or the area's residents are 51% low-to-moderate income, or the project addresses an urgent need.
3. Threshold Criteria/ National Objective:
  - i. For economic revitalization/ development-focused activities, the area is a slum/ blight, will support a minimum of 51% low-to-moderate income residents in the area, will support a minimum of 51% low-to-moderate income employees at a local company, or the project addresses an urgent need;
  - ii. For housing-focused activities, a significant portion of the housing units are targeted for low and very-low-to-moderate income households, disabled households, or elderly households; or the area is a slum/ blight; or the project addresses an urgent need.
  - iii. For public infrastructure-focused activities, the project will support a minimum of 51% low-to-moderate income residents, the area is a slum/ blight, or the project addresses an urgent need.
4. Selection Criteria:
  - i. Project oversight/ management – the demonstrated capability, capacity and experience of the applicant;
  - ii. Project benefit(s) – The extent and nature of the benefit(s) to the local community(s) that will result from the project (economic, housing and/ or public infrastructure/facility benefits will be achieved);
  - iii. Project impact:
    - a. Projects supporting multiple communities are prioritized, or
    - b. Projects achieving significant impact within one or more communities.
  - iv. External leverage/ subsidy:
    - a. For non-housing projects, the extent of additional leverage will be factored,
    - b. For housing projects, the level of program subsidy cost per unit will be factored.
5. Grant Size Limits: \$1,000,000 - \$15,000,000 per individual grant award.
6. Eligibility: HCDA Sec.105(a) – all provisions.

Illinois' "Ike" Program Plan Amendment (No.9): (1) clarifies the fourth category of eligible applicants listed, (2) expands the CDBG national objective criteria and (3) lowers the individual project award threshold under the Ike Community Stabilization Program component. (Changes are underlined):

**Illinois' Ike Community Stabilization Program  
Illinois CDBG "Ike" Action Plan Amendment (No. 9)**

1. Allocation for Activity: \$20,000,000.
2. Eligible Applicants:
  - i. Local governments (including cities, counties, etc.) in Ike-eligible communities,
  - ii. Two or more Ike-eligible local communities working in support of a single or collaborative project,
  - iii. Not-for-profit organizations on behalf of one or more Ike-eligible local communities,
  - iv. Local communities on behalf of private companies, currently located or seeking to locate in an IKE-eligible community, that do not meet Ike-Small or Large business program criteria.
3. National Objectives:
  - i. Principally benefits low-to-moderate-income (LMI) persons;
  - ii. Aids in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
  - iii. Addresses an urgent need in the community.
4. Selection Criteria:
  - i. Project oversight/ management – the demonstrated capability, capacity and experience of the applicant;
  - ii. Project benefit(s) – The extent and nature of the benefit(s) to the local community(s) that will result from the project (economic, housing and/ or public infrastructure/facility benefits will be achieved);
  - iii. Project impact:
    - a. Projects supporting multiple communities are prioritized, or
    - b. Projects achieving significant impact within one or more communities.
  - iv. External leverage/ subsidy:
    - a. For non-housing projects, the extent of additional leverage will be factored,
    - b. For housing projects, the level of program subsidy cost per unit will be factored.
5. Grant Size Limits: \$500,000 - \$15,000,000 per individual grant award.
6. Eligibility: HCDA Sec. 105(a) – all provisions.

**Exhibit A**  
**Federally-Designated Areas Eligible for CDBG "Ike" Assistance**

The following Illinois counties were declared eligible for federal assistance in three 2008 Disaster Declarations:

**Illinois Counties Declared Under FEMA-1800-DR**

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|----|----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 1. | Bureau County  | 9.  | Kendall County    |
| 2. | Cass County    | 10. | LaSalle County    |
| 3. | Cook County    | 11. | Macoupin County   |
| 4. | DeKalb County  | 12. | Montgomery County |
| 5. | DuPage County  | 13. | Peoria County     |
| 6. | Greene County* | 14. | Scott County*     |
| 7. | Grundy County  | 15. | Will County       |
| 8. | Kane County    | 16. | Woodford County   |

**Illinois Counties Declared Under FEMA-1771-DR**

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|-----|-------------------|-----|--------------------|
| 1.  | Adams County      | 14. | Lake County        |
| 2.  | Calhoun County    | 15. | Lawrence County    |
| 3.  | Clark County      | 16. | Madison County     |
| 4.  | Coles County      | 17. | Mercer County      |
| 5.  | Crawford County   | 18. | Monroe County      |
| 6.  | Cumberland County | 19. | Pike County        |
| 7.  | Douglas County    | 20. | Randolph County    |
| 8.  | Edgar County      | 21. | Rock Island County |
| 9.  | Greene County*    | 22. | St. Clair County   |
| 10. | Hancock County    | 23. | Scott County*      |
| 11. | Henderson County  | 24. | Whiteside County   |
| 12. | Jasper County     | 25. | Winnebago County   |
| 13. | Jersey County     |     |                    |

**Illinois Counties Declared Under FEMA-1747-DR**

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|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|
| 1. | Iroquois County | 2. | Livingston County |
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\* Greene and Scott counties were declared under both the FEMA 1771 and 1800 declarations