



Homes and Community Renewal

Affordable Housing Resiliency Initiative (AHRI) Information Session Q&A

Responses to questions posed by attendees of the January 10, 2025 information session are provided below. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Office of Resilient Homes and Communities (RHC) with further questions or technical assistance needs: [RHC NOFA Applications@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:RHC_NOFA_Applications@hcr.ny.gov). Slides are available on the NOFA webpage: <https://hcr.ny.gov/hurricane-ida-cdbq-dr-funding-opportunities>.

1. Can AHRI funding support new construction?

All AHRI projects must focus on installation of disaster mitigation measures (as defined in the NOFA). The Program will prioritize supporting existing affordable housing, but applicants may apply for funding to supplement new construction. Applicants should be aware that adding AHRI funding to a project may trigger federal compliance requirements. These requirements include Davis Bacon prevailing wage compliance (8+ unit properties), HUD Section 3 labor requirements, Green and Resilient Building Standards, environmental regulations, accessibility requirements, broadband infrastructure and floodplain management requirements. Additional information about these requirements can be found in the NOFA.

2. How can an applicant show that an issue is due to Ida impact?

If the subject property was impacted by Ida, applicants should indicate this and describe whether their proposed scope of work is directly related to Ida damage in the space provided in the workbook. The applicant may submit any of the following types of supporting documentation:

- Proof of assistance received from other funding sources that verify Ida storm damage. For example, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Small Business Administration (SBA), National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), or other Federal, state, insurance or other sources verifying loss, insurance adjuster estimates, property payout, or other letters demonstrating damage.
- Damage assessment conducted by insurance company, local jurisdiction or another source.
- Before and after photos of the property.
- Other documentation that demonstrates property damage tied to the time of the storm.

3. Can generators be included in eligible scope of work?

Generators can be considered mitigation measures and can therefore be included in the eligible scope of work. Applicants should describe whether the building has experienced power outages in past flooding events.

4. What size buildings qualify?

Buildings that have a minimum of 5 units located on a single site (which may include one or more residential structures) are eligible for the program.

5. What is the maximum award amount per project?

The maximum award per project is \$3 million. RHC may make an exception to the maximum award to allow projects unable to secure gap financing to proceed on a case-by-case basis.

6. Can we submit applications before deadline?

Yes, applications can be submitted before the deadline. However, award determinations will not be made until after the deadline submission date.

7. Do you have any general sense of the timeline for the application review process?

All submitted applications will be reviewed by the committee after the deadline submission date. As stated in the NOFA, it is anticipated that preliminary award selections will be made by May 30, 2025.

8. Please explain the process of how the 15 "nexus to Hurricane Ida" score points will be allocated?

"Nexus to Hurricane Ida" score points will be awarded to projects that were impacted by Ida, and based on whether the proposed scope of work addresses unmet needs from Ida damage.