

## **GUAM HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY**

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## **Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)**

**Sinajaña, GU (February 18, 2025)** – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to Guam.

Guam's available CDBG-DR funding amounts to \$500,825,000. CDBG-DR grant funds are supplemental funds appropriated by Congress and allocated by HUD to support long-term recovery and mitigation in disaster-impacted communities. These CDBG-DR funds are for necessary expenses for activities related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the "most impacted and distressed" areas. Resulting from a qualifying major disaster that occurred in 2023, Typhoon Mawar, these funds are made available for Guam.

GHURA is required, as the grant administrator, to submit an Action Plan detailing the use of the CDBG-DR funds. This initial plan focuses on the larger budget for eligible categories to address the unmet needs which includes housing, infrastructure and public facilities, economic revitalization, and mitigation.

At this time, GHURA has elected to submit an administration plan to HUD, to access the administration funds of the grant award. This "Admin Action Plan" is available to view at <a href="https://www.guamcdbgdr.org">www.guamcdbgdr.org</a>.

Community input is critical in developing an Action Plan for Guam. GHURA is planning to host town halls in the North, South, East and West regions of the island, inclusive of a virtual session. The town halls are anticipated to take place between March 17-21, 2025 from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Once respective schedules are available, they will be posted on the Guam CDBG-DR website at <a href="https://www.guamcdbgdr.org">www.guamcdbgdr.org</a>

GHURA remains committed to assisting Guam in its efforts to address recovery needs and looks forward to working with the community to address the unmet needs.

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