DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–4383–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2018–0001]

Wisconsin; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Wisconsin (FEMA–4383–DR), dated August 10, 2018, and related determinations.

DATES: The declaration was issued August 10, 2018.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated August 10, 2018, the President issued a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq. (the “Stafford Act”), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Wisconsin resulting from severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding during the period of June 15 to June 19, 2018, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq. (the “Stafford Act”). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Wisconsin.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses. You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance also will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs, with the exception of projects that meet the eligibility criteria for a higher Federal cost-sharing percentage under the Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for Debris Removal implemented pursuant to section 428 of the Stafford Act. Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration for the approved assistance to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, David G. Samaniego, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the State of Wisconsin have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:

Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Clark, Douglas, and Iron Counties for Public Assistance.

All areas within the State of Wisconsin are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidentialy Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentialy Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentialy Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.056, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Brock Long,
Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

[FR Doc. 2018–19783 Filed 9–11–18; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4111–11–P

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency


Hawaii; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of an Emergency Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of an emergency declaration for State of Hawaii (FEMA–3399–EM), dated August 22, 2018, and related determinations.

DATES: This change occurred on August 24, 2018.


[FR Doc. 2018–19783 Filed 9–11–18; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4111–11–P
SUMMARY: This Notice advises the public that HUD, in order to more effectively and expeditiously respond to Presidential-declared Major Disaster Declarations (MDD), is establishing for CY 2018 an expedited process for the review of requests for relief from HUD regulatory and/or administrative requirements (“HUD requirements”) for public housing agencies (PHAs) that are located in counties that are included in MDDs. PHAs located in areas covered by MDDs issued for which a related disaster occurs during 2018 may request waivers of HUD requirements and receive expedited review of such requests utilizing the flexibilities and expedited waiver process set out by this Notice.


For further information contact: Sheila Bethea, Office of Field Operations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 4112, Washington, DC 20410–5000, telephone number 202–402–8120. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

Supplementary Information:

I. Background Information

On several occasions in recent years, after Presidential disaster declarations, HUD has published notices to announce waivers and flexibilities available to PHAs, Tribes, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities located in areas covered by MDDs. In the interest of expediting HUD’s ability to provide administrative relief to PHAs in MDD declaration areas, based on HUD’s past experience, HUD is publishing this Notice on waivers and flexibilities that will be made available to PHAs on an expedited basis following MDDs. The Notice is organized as follows:

- Section II describes the flexibilities that are currently available to MDD PHAs under statutes and/or regulations. MDD PHAs may avail themselves of these flexibilities, following the process described in Section IV of the Notice.
- Section III describes certain HUD requirements that, if waived, may facilitate an MDD PHA’s ability to participate in relief and recovery efforts.

II. Flexibilities That Are Available to MDD PHAs During CY 2018

HUD is exercising discretionary authority consistent with 24 CFR 5.110 to provide relief from the requirements described in this section. Upon notification to HUD and appropriate documentation of good cause, or upon HUD approval, as noted below, relief will be granted to MDD PHAs. Relief from the requirements must benefit families affected by the disasters, for example by enabling MDD PHA staff to focus on relief and recovery efforts. Unless otherwise stated, the deadline for requesting waivers is 4 months after the initial MDD.

A. 24 CFR 905.306 (Extension of deadline for obligation and expenditure of Capital Funds). Section 9(j)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (1937 Act) requires PHAs to obligate Capital Funds not later than 24 months after the date on which the funds become available, or the date on which the PHA accumulates adequate funds to undertake modernization, substantial rehabilitation, or new construction of units, plus the period of any extension approved under section 9(j)(2) of the Act. Section 9(j)(5)(A) of the 1937 Act requires a PHA to expend Capital Funds not later than 4 years after the date on which the funds become available for obligation, plus the period of any extension approved under section 9(j)(2). Section 9(j)(2) of the 1937 Act authorizes the Secretary to extend the time period for the obligation of Capital Funds for such period as the Secretary...