New Jersey

Department of Community Affairs

SUPERSTORM SANDY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY

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For most of the resilient design projects that are or will be undertaken, the federal funding agencies require the State to contribute substantial matching dollars, known as "match" or "local share," to support project implementation. New Jersey's total local share obligations will be substantial. CDBG-DR funds, which can be used as a proxy for local share funding in some circumstances, is especially needed to assist the State in meeting its substantial local share obligations. The State proposes to use a portion of this allocation of CDBG-DR funds as match to support those existing and future projects that are being undertaken by State agencies in partnership with the various federal funding agencies.

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Numerous federal funding streams used in the recovery effort carry non-federal cost shares, also known as "match" or "local share obligation." The "match" portion of the project is that portion of the total cost of a project or program that the State, county, municipality or other entity benefitting from the project or program is responsible to satisfy, as opposed to a federal agency. Different federal funding streams can have different non-federal cost shares. Many funding streams target infrastructure-related recovery initiatives, as described below.

The State's Action Plan committed \$50 million of first tranche CDBG-DR funds to a FEMA match program, primarily to address non-federal cost shares associated with projects like debris removal undertaken in the immediate aftermath of the storm. As recovery has progressed and other infrastructure projects have begun, additional non-federal match obligations have been incurred by the State, counties, municipalities, and other entities. Given the costs associated with the long-term recovery effort, many jurisdictions and entities in New Jersey are fiscally constrained and require enhanced financial support to meet these federal program match obligations.

The State will use \$225,000,000 in second tranche CDBG-DR funds to address many of these match obligations. To arrive at that figure, the State looked to existing recovery commitments that require a match as well as other federal funding reasonably expected to be used in the State's recovery that will require a match.

See table on page 3-1 \$225,000,000 requested for "non-federal cost shares (match)"