



PANEL DISCUSSION

HUD Community Development Block Grants – Disaster Recovery Funding Past, Present and Future



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SESSION OVERVIEW

- Reflect on the history and evolution of CDBG funding
- Highlight its role in disaster recovery and community rebuilding
- Discuss major milestones and success stories
- Explore innovations and emerging trends in CDBG-DR
- Share strategies for building resilient, equitable communities

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF CDBG-DR & MILESTONES



Panel Discussion Prompts

- Please walk us through the origins of the CDBG program and its original intent.
- What would you say are some of the most significant milestones or achievements in the program's history?
- How has the role of CDBG-DR shifted in response to disasters and community needs?

POLICY ADVANCEMENTS & LESSONS LEARNED



Panel Discussion Prompts

- What policy changes have had the greatest impact on how CDBG-DR funds are deployed?
- What challenges or gaps still exist in program administration?
- Are there any lessons from recent disasters that should inform how we use these funds going forward?

INNOVATION & THE FUTURE OF CDBG-DR



Panel Discussion Prompts

- What are some of the most promising trends or innovations you're seeing in the use of CDBG-DR funds?
- Technology is playing an increasingly critical role in disaster recovery. How are digital tools and data-driven approaches improving the transparency, speed, and effectiveness of CDBG-DR fund distribution?
- In your view, what's one key area where the program must evolve to remain effective in the next 5-10 years?
- Discussion on best practices for small allocations.



Q&A

- Audience questions
- Key reflections from panelists
- Takeaways and emerging priorities

CLOSING REMARKS



We encourage you to continue the conversation and stay engaged with each other in your efforts to promote community development and disaster recovery.

Thank you for your participation!

