

## **Atlantic City Selected for HUD \$1 Billion National Disaster Resilience Competition**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary has launched a \$1 billion National Disaster Resilience Competition in association with the Rockefeller Foundation.

The National Disaster Resilience Competition is designed to help communities that have been devastated by natural disasters build back stronger and better prepared for the future. This competition will help spur innovation, creatively distribute limited federal resources, and help communities across the country cope with the reality of severe weather that is being made worse by climate change.

There are 67 eligible applicants for the \$1 billion National Disaster Resilience Competition and New Jersey is one of the eligible applicants. The State has selected the Chelsea Heights Neighborhood of Atlantic City as a potential applicant. Phase 1 application are due in mid-March and successful applicants in Phase 1 will be invited to participate in Phase 2 to design solutions for recovery and resilience. HUD expects to make final award announcement by the end of the year.

The Competition seeks to meet the following six objectives:

1. Fairly and effectively allocate \$1 billion in remaining CDBG-DR funds.
2. Create multiple examples of modern disaster recovery that apply science-based and forward-looking risk analysis to address recovery, resilience, and revitalization needs.
3. Leave a legacy of institutionalizing—in as many states and local jurisdictions as possible—the implementation of thoughtful, sound, and resilient approaches to addressing future risks.
4. Provide resources to help communities plan and implement disaster recovery that makes them more resilient to future extreme weather events or other shocks, while also improving quality of life for existing residents.
5. Fully engage community stakeholders to inform them about the impacts of climate change and develop pathways to resilience based on sound science.
6. Leverage investments from the philanthropic community to help communities define problems, set policy goals, explore options, and craft solutions to inform their own local and regional resilient recovery strategies.

To begin the community stakeholder process a public meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm at Chelsea Heights School. The public is encouraged to come out and learn more about this exciting opportunity to obtain funds to address the needs of the Chelsea Heights Neighborhood.