

## \$1 BILLION IN DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING TO BE PROVIDED BY FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF NEW YORK

In an effort to support the communities we serve, the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (FHLBNY) has extended \$1 billion in Disaster Relief Funding (DRF) to cover communities affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic, recent earthquakes in Puerto Rico, and past Hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Caribbean. Natural disasters have destroyed physical infrastructure while COVID-19 has led to widespread business closures, mass layoffs and record unemployment levels. In all these cases, the FHLBNY is here to support our members and aid in relief efforts. Funds are available to members to assist rebuilding and economic recovery efforts across in-district communities located in FEMA designated disaster areas. The funds are being made available by the FHLBNY through its CLP for both immediate gap financing and long-term funding to rebuild communities and support small businesses affected by the disasters.

## DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING GUIDELINES

- Eligible member lending activity originated after the disaster declaration and within 90 days of receiving funding may be submitted as DRF support for advances related to financing of housing or economic development activities in communities located in a FEMA-designated disaster area.
  - Housing support activities include the purchase, construction, rehabilitation or refinancing of, or predevelopment financing for individual owner-occupied housing units, projects involving multiple units of owner-occupied housing, rental housing, or manufactured housing parks, as defined in the <a href="CICA Regulation">CICA Regulation</a>.
  - Economic development activates include commercial, industrial, manufacturing, social service, public or private facility and infrastructure activities, such as roads, utilities, and sewers.
  - Economic recovery efforts include immediate and longterm small business relief measures. DRF will support members in liquidity needs, shoring up balance sheets, and allowing them to offer continuous credit facilities.
- » Eligibility for housing projects is based on existing <u>CIP eligibility criteria</u>.
- » Commercial and/or Mixed-Use eligibility is based on location criteria (*FEMA designated disaster area*).
- Loans settled after the disaster declaration and within 90 days prior to receiving funding are eligible.

- » DRF is a first-come, first served program and will be available until the funds are exhausted or until December 31, 2020, whichever occurs first.
- » DRF advances are initially limited to \$25 million per member per month with an overall program limit of \$50 million.
- » To apply for DRF, members must submit a fully completed DRF Application along with the corresponding loan pool qualification worksheet (located within the DRF Application). The DRF Application can be found at <a href="https://www.fhlbny.com/community/community-lending-programs/forms/">www.fhlbny.com/community/community-lending-programs/forms/</a>.
- » Within the DRF Application, members must provide applicable detail for each submitted loan along with a brief description of how the funds will be used.
- » The minimum advance term is 30 days.
- » All FHLBNY credit conditions apply.
- » Please see website for additional information: <u>www.fhlbny.com/community/community-lending-programs</u>

To discuss the Disaster Relief Funding program or other funding strategies, contact a Relationship Manager (212) 441-6700 or Member Services Desk at (212) 441-6600

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