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**RE:** **Responses to Disaster Recovery Inquiries**

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Provided below are the responses prepared by Detroit Homeland Security & Emergency Management, as it relates to CDBG-DR funds / Disaster Recovery:

- Please list all programming that has been funded from CDGB-DR funds.  
RESPONSE: The City of Detroit has been awarded a \$95 million Disaster Recovery grant. Of this amount, City Council has approved and allocated \$47 million in DR funding. \$43 million to initiate the CDBG-DR Private Sewer Repair Program (\$2.5 million for admin over the life of the 6-year grant). \$1.5 million from the overall \$47 million approved by City Council is allocated for planning activities. The procurement for the "Master Plan Update: Integrating Resiliency, Sustainability, Hazard Mitigation, and Disaster Recovery" was started before council recess. The remaining funds will be directed towards projects outlined in the amended HUD action plan, which still requires City Council approval before disbursement. For a detailed breakdown of the amended action plan and funding allocation, please refer to the following link-  
<https://detroitmi.gov/departments/housing-and-revitalization-department/hud-programming-and-information/disaster-recovery#:~:text=The%20U.S.%20Department%20of%20Housing,storms%20and%20flooding%20in%202021>
- How does the American Water Plan Insurance program operate?
  - RESPONSE: American Water Resources (AWR) provides programs focused on affordable protection against the significant and unexpected cost of repairing or replacing broken and leaking water service lines and / or cleaning blocked sewer lines. In addition to water and sewer line programs, AWR offers various home warranty programs to create the protection right for any homeowner including, in home plumbing, electric, HVAC and other protection plans.

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- How many programs / options are available under the American Water Plan Insurance program? What are the differences in qualifications?  
 RESPONSE: Detroit residents can purchase a programs Water or Sewer line program, a combo Water & Sewer line package, or the In-home Plumbing package.  
 Requirements for purchasing warranty programs are as follows:
  1. that the resident is the homeowner; and
  2. the home is currently habitable and is occupied;
  3. is connected to the public utility.
  4. The home consists of 1 or 2 dwelling units and is for residential purposes only
  5. The resident is responsible for maintaining the home's water or sewer line
  6. The customer has been enrolled for 30 days (initial grace period).
  
- Is it possible for impacted residents to receive reduced FEMA payouts as a tradeoff for FEMA flood insurance?
  - RESPONSE: No. FEMA disaster recovery grants are issued to residents under the Individual Assistance program when awarded, as a result of the State of Michigan receiving a Presidential Disaster Declaration. FEMA's flood insurance falls under the National Flood Insurance Program.
  
- It is understood that DWSD has a flood and disaster mitigation plan, but is there an additional comprehensive plan that speaks to disaster recovery?
  - RESPONSE: The City of Detroit has a state-approved, comprehensive, All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan that covers the response and recovery activities of city departments and support organizations. The city also has a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan.
  
- Are there fund reserves in place for disaster recovery / mitigation?
  - RESPONSE: We are not aware of any reserve disaster recovery or mitigation funds within the city's budget. However, the State of Michigan has a *Disaster Emergency Contingency Fund*, which falls under Section 19 of Public Act 390. To access these funds, the local government must receive a State emergency or disaster declaration. The funds are for use by the local government and cannot be allocated to private property owners. Due to the many, recent declared disasters suffered in the state of Michigan, this fund is currently at a negative balance until the FY2024-2025 allocation is rendered. Following the award of a Presidential Emergency or Disaster Declaration, local governments may apply for FEMA mitigation funds. These are primarily reimbursable grants where the recipient pays upfront and FEMA reimburses the eligible expenses.
  
- When does the current 10-year FEMA disaster declaration timeline restart?
  - RESPONSE: We contacted the MSP-Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP-EMHSD) to inquire about the "10-year FEMA disaster declaration timeline," because we were not aware of this timeline. MSP-EMHSD had no knowledge of a 10-year FEMA disaster declaration timeline.