

Blue Acres HUD-funded Buyout Eligibility Application Open for Authorized Homeowners!

[Blue Acres](#) is accepting HUD Buyout Eligibility Applications from homeowners, in consultation with the [DCA](#) and the [GDRQ](#). Blue Acres has [\\$34M in HUD CDBG-Disaster Recovery funds](#) for post-Ida buyouts. Authorized homeowners were invited via email on May 8 to complete the HUD Buyout Eligibility Application online with a **closing deadline of June 22**. Blue Acres staff are available to directly assist homeowners with application questions and concerns. Anyone needing help can reach out via email to blueacres@dep.nj.gov or call (609) 940-4140.

[Blue Acres HUD-funded buyouts](#) are only open to property owners in counties declared “Most Impacted and Distressed” after Ida in September 2021: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Passaic, Somerset, Union, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Morris, Warren. To be considered for a Blue Acres buyout, homeowners must first express interest by submitting the [Blue Acres Application for Acquisition](#).

The HUD Buyout Eligibility Application was designed to determine whether willing seller homeowners meet HUD's income eligibility criteria established for a HUD-funded buyout. Not all homeowners who complete the HUD Buyout Eligibility Application are expected to be eligible for a CDBG-DR funded buyout. Blue Acres will open additional intake rounds as necessary; for example, if the first intake round does not yield enough eligible applicants to fully spend DEP's post Ida HUD's buyout funding allocation. Homeowners who are deemed eligible based on their completed HUD application will be notified and proposed for a Blue Acres buyout funded by CDBG-DR later this summer. All other homeowners interested in a Blue Acres buyout will be carried forward for future buyout planning and grant making opportunities.

Download the [Blue Acres Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program \(nj.gov\)](#) factsheet.