

**HUD EXTENDING FY21 FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR APPLICANTS LOCATED IN PRESIDENTIALLY-DECLARED DISASTER AREAS**

September 9, 2021

In the weeks since the publication of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on July 28, 2021, the United States has experienced severe weather events, the most recent of which was Hurricane Ida which impacted parts of Louisiana. Other states have experienced severe weather or other climate-related emergencies such as extreme flooding in Tennessee and fires in California. For this reason, HUD is granting applicants who have been impacted by these events and whose areas fall within a presidentially-declared disaster area an additional two weeks from the original deadline of September 7, 2021 to submit their applications. **The new deadline for applicants who fall within these areas is: September 21, 2021.**

Applicants covered by this extension must be in a “covered disaster area” listed in the following FEMA Disaster Recovery (DR) Notices where the Incident Period occurred during the open period of the NOFO:

1. **[California WILDFIRES \(4610-DR-CA\)](#)**
  - a. Incident Period: July 14, 2021 and continuing
  - b. Major Disaster Declaration declared on August 24, 2021
2. **[North Carolina REMNANTS OF TROPICAL STORM FRED \(DR-4617-NC\)](#)**
  - a. Incident Period: August 16, 2021 - August 18, 2021
  - b. Major Disaster Declaration declared on September 8, 2021
3. **[Tennessee SEVERE STORM AND FLOODING \(4609-DR-TN\)](#)**
  - a. Incident Period: Aug 21, 2021
  - b. Major Disaster Declaration declared on August 23, 2021
4. **[Louisiana HURRICANE IDA \(4611-DR-LA\)](#)**
  - a. Incident Period: August 26, 2021 and continuing
  - b. Major Disaster Declaration declared on August 29, 2021
5. **[New York REMNANTS OF HURRICANE IDA \(4615-DR-NY\)](#)**
  - a. Incident Period: September 1, 2021 - September 3, 2021
  - b. Major Disaster Declaration declared on September 5, 2021
6. **[New Jersey REMNANTS OF HURRICANE IDA \(4614-DR-NJ\)](#)**

Incident Period: September 1, 2021 - September 3, 2021  
Major Disaster Declaration declared on September 5, 2021

Section IV.D. “Application Submission Times and Times,” of the Fiscal Year 2021 FSS NOFO allows HUD to grant extensions in the event of presidentially-declared disasters:

HUD may also extend the application deadline upon request if there is a presidentially declared disaster in the applicant’s area.

If these events occur, HUD will post a notice on its website establishing the new,

extended deadline for the affected applicants. HUD will also include the fact of the extension in the program's Notice of Funding Awards required to be published in the Federal Register.

In determining whether to grant a request for an extension based on a presidentially-declared disaster, HUD will consider the totality of the circumstances including the date of an applicant's extension request (how closely it followed the basis for the extension), whether other applicants in the geographic area are similarly affected by the disaster, and how quickly power or services are restored to enable the applicant to submit its application.

Due to the presidentially-declared disaster (also noted as a major disaster on the FEMA website), and pursuant to the language in the FY21 FSS NOFO, HUD is extending the deadline for all potentially eligible applicants to the FY21 FSS NOFO in the presidentially-declared covered disaster areas listed in the FEMA notices above to **September 21, 2021**.

Any eligible applicant who is located in a covered disaster area and intends to take advantage of this deadline extension must apply by submitting your application through grants.gov no later than 11:59:59 p.m., ET, on September 21, 2021. The deadline for the FSS NOFO may still appear to be September 7, 2021 on grants.gov, however you may still submit your application through grants.gov if you are eligible for the extension.

For any questions or concerns regarding this notice, please e-mail [FSS@hud.gov](mailto:FSS@hud.gov).