

## **The National Disaster Resilience Competition**

### **A Public-Philanthropic Partnership between The Rockefeller Foundation and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development:**

#### **FAQ**

##### **What is the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC)?**

- Responding to demand from state, local and tribal leaders who are working to increase the safety and security of their communities, the Obama administration launched the National Disaster Resilience Competition, a nearly \$1 billion competition inviting communities that have experienced natural disasters to compete for funds to help them rebuild and increase their resilience to future disasters.

##### **What makes the NDRC unique?**

- To support the NDRC, the Rockefeller Foundation is organizing a series of resilience training academies (currently called "Resilience Academies") for the 67 eligible communities around the country that aim to build their understanding of resilience; the hazards, shocks, stresses, and other factors that contribute to an uncertain future; the role of innovation and design in resilience building; and strategies for resilience planning in their home communities.
- The regional academies, led by industry experts using a curriculum developed by partners including Columbia University's Teachers College, will provide training on subjects related to community resilience. We are planning to hold six multi-day Resilience Academies in November and December. While the locations are still being finalized, we are committed to ensuring full national coverage so that no eligible community is too far from an academy. The week of October 6, the Rockefeller Foundation will release all details related to academy logistics and attendance. HUD and RF are committed to ensuring that eligible participants can benefit from these academies so they will be offered free of charge.

##### **Why is The Rockefeller Foundation partnering with HUD?**

- The Rockefeller Foundation and HUD recently partnered on the highly successful Rebuild by Design process, which engaged research and design experts from around the world to work closely with communities in Sandy-affected communities to identify innovative resilience building opportunities eligible for implementation with CDBG-DR funds. Building on that success, The National Disaster Resilience Competition is the product of the two institutions' mutual commitment to help communities become more resilient across the country.

##### **What is resilience?**

- Resilience is the capacity of individuals, communities, organizations and systems to survive, adapt, and grow in the face of shocks and stresses, and even transform when conditions require it. Simply put, resilience is what enables people to survive, adapt, and thrive.

- Resilience is a mindset as well as a practice, set of actions and behaviors. It can be taught, learned and perfected.
- Resilience investments also yield co-benefits, what Rockefeller Foundation President Judith Rodin calls the “resilience dividend.” The resilience dividend has two components:
  - First it is the difference between where an entity would be after a shock having made resilience investments compared to where it would be if it hasn’t invested in its resilience,
  - Second, it’s also the additional investment that can be leveraged through resilience’s co-benefits: job creation, economic opportunity, competitiveness, social cohesion and equity.