



Rebuild Florida Mitigation Funding Public Webinar

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Office of Long-Term Resiliency

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Agenda



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- Office of Long-Term Resiliency (OLTR)
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Florida Department of Economic Opportunity: Office of Long-Term Resiliency



- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)'s Office of Long-Term Resiliency (OLTR), within the Division of Community Development (DCD), supports long-term recovery housing needs, infrastructure, and economic development in Florida communities impacted by disasters.
- DEO is the governor-designated state authority responsible for administering all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds awarded to the state.
- DEO is currently administering long-term recovery programs for Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, Irma, and Michael, as well as the CDBG-MIT program.
- Rebuild Florida was created to brand the state's long-term recovery efforts.

HUD Mitigation Definition



- “Those activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters”

-U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



Initial CDBG-Mitigation Allocation/Timeline



- **April 2018:** Funds originally announced by HUD.
 - **Florida allocation: \$633,485,000**
- **August 30, 2019:** Federal Register notice published.
 - **FR-6109-N-02**
- Initially, 51 Florida counties were eligible for CDBG-MIT funding.
 - 2016 – 2017 presidentially declared disasters (Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew and Irma).
- **February 3, 2020:** State Action Plan submitted to HUD.
- **April 3, 2020:** HUD approved state of Florida's Action Plan for mitigation activities.
 - **April 15, 2020:** Launched Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program
 - **May 15, 2020:** Launched Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Planning Program
 - **June 15, 2020:** Launch of Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program
- **January 6, 2021:** Federal Register notice published.
 - **FR-6239-N-01**

CDBG-Mitigation Timeline



PHASE 1

Substantial Amendment Development

- Draft Action Plan
- Community Partner Outreach
- Public Comment Period
- Submit Action Plan to HUD

PHASE 2

Program Design

- Activate Citizen Advisory Committee
- Develop Policies and Procedures
- Design Application for Programs
- Develop Scoring Criteria

PHASE 3

Application Cycle

- Open Application Cycle
- Applicant Technical Assistance
- Score Applications
- Announce Awards

PHASE 4

Program Implementation

- Award Funding
- Execute Grant Agreements
- Technical Assistance
- Monitoring

Ongoing Stakeholder Outreach



Additional CDBG-Mitigation Funding (Hurricane Michael)

- Funds announced in **Federal Register 6239-N-01** on January 6, 2021
- \$46,926,000 allocated to Florida
 - At least 50% of the funds must be spent in HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas.
 - Remaining funds can be spent in State-designated MID areas.
 - 50% minimum spending requirement to benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) communities
 - 50% of the funding must be expended in 6 years
 - 100% must be expended in 12 years

CDBG - Mitigation

Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Communities



Eligible Counties

- HUD-Designated MID Areas for Hurricane Michael
- State-Designated MID Areas for Hurricane Michael



- Bay
- Calhoun
- Franklin
- Gadsden
- Gulf
- Holmes
- Jackson
- Liberty
- Wakulla
- Washington



CDBG-Mitigation Substantial Amendment Process

- To access the \$46,926,000 in CDBG-MIT funding allocated for communities impacted by Hurricane Michael, the state will need to develop a substantial amendment to the existing State Action Plan. This process will involve:
 - **Community Feedback:** DEO is currently hosting a series of community meetings and has issued a survey
 - **Public Comment:** DEO will post an initial draft of the substantial amendment online for a 30-day public comment period.
 - **Submit to HUD:** DEO will submit the substantial amendment to HUD by **July 9, 2021.**
 - **HUD Review:** HUD will have 60 days to review the substantial amendment.

CDBG-Mitigation Substantial Amendment for Hurricane Michael Timeline



January 6, 2021

July 9, 2021

Ongoing Stakeholder Outreach



Substantial Amendment Requirements

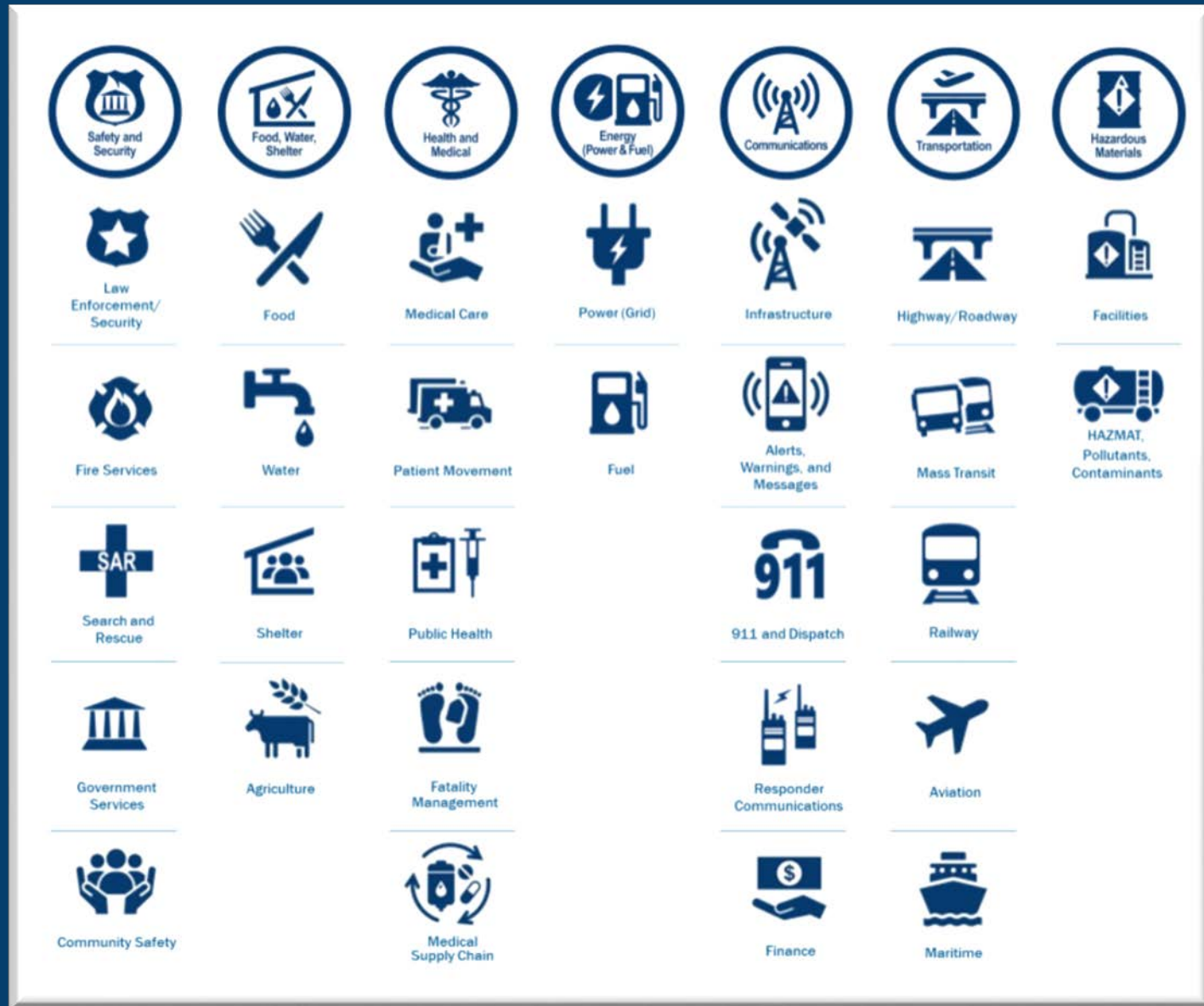
- HUD requires that the substantial amendment include the following elements:
 - Risk-Based Needs Assessment (Flooding, Tropical Cyclones, Severe Storms, Wildfire, Coastal Erosion)
 - Community Participation Strategy
 - Eligible and Ineligible Activities
- Community Lifelines
 - A Community Lifeline enables the continuous operation of critical business and government functions and is essential to human health and safety or economic security.

Risk-Based Mitigation Needs Assessment



- Addresses the current and future risks identified in the most impacted and distressed areas
- “...must quantitatively assess the potential impacts and risks of hazards...”
- State Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) must be utilized in risk assessment.
“Grantees must reference these plans and indicate how the risks identified in the Mitigation Needs Assessment have been informed by the FEMA mitigation plan.”
- As mitigation needs evolve over time and conditions change, amendments to the initial assessment will be submitted.
- Seven Community Lifelines Risk Reduction

Risk-Based Mitigation Needs Assessment





Eligible Activities

■ Infrastructure

- Regional Investment in risk reduction from hazards to develop disaster-resistant infrastructure.
- Water, sewer, solid waste, communications, energy, transportation, health and medical, and other public infrastructure to address specific identified risks
- Multi-use and/or green or natural mitigation infrastructure development





Eligible Applicants

- Units of General Local Government
- State Agencies
- Nonprofits and Non-Governmental Agencies that apply in partnership with their Unit of General Local Government or with a state agency.



Ineligible Activities



- Funding for buildings used for the general conduct of government
 - County administrative buildings
 - City and Town Halls
 - State Capitol or office buildings
 - Facilities in which the legislative or general administrative affairs of the government are conducted
- Emergency Response Services (ERS)
- Forced mortgage payoff
- Enlargement of a dam or levee beyond original design
- Assistance to private utilities



Next Steps



- Community feedback for Hurricane Michael allocation
 - Survey and meetings
- Public Comment for Action Plan Amendment
- HUD Approval of Mitigation Action Plan Amendment
- Technical Assistance
- Application Cycle



Feedback/Questions



To learn more about the Rebuild Florida mitigation programs, please visit: RebuildFlorida.gov

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