



Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Office of Long-Term Resiliency

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Agenda



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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





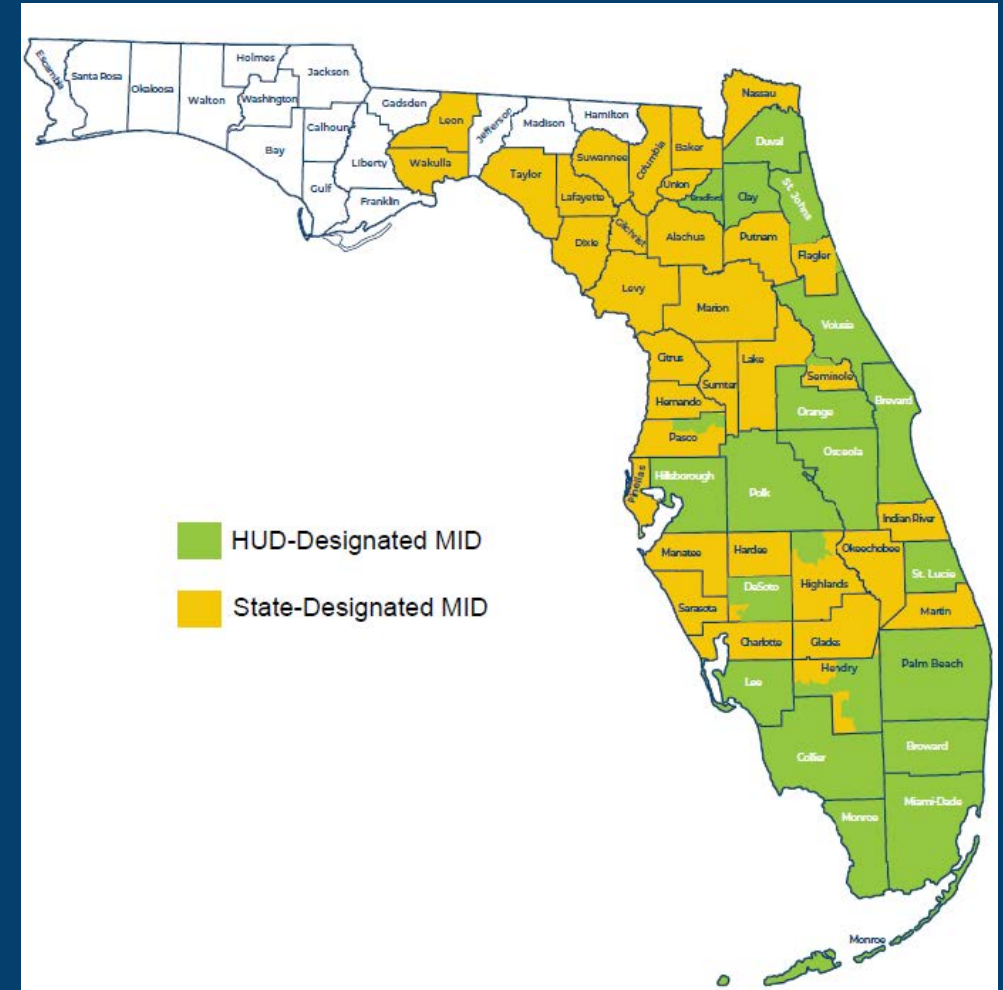
CDBG-MIT Overview/Timeline

- **April 2018:** Funds originally announced by HUD
 - **Florida Allocation: \$633,485,000**
- **August 30, 2019:** Federal Register notice publishes
 - **FR-6109-N-02**
- In Total, 51 Florida Counties are 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 approves the 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:** Launched Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program
- **June 16, 2021:** Application cycle for the second round of funding for the Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program begins.

Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas



- At least 50% of funds must be spent in HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas
- Remaining funds can be spent in State-designated MID areas
- At least 50% of spending must benefit low-and moderate-income (LMI) communities
- 50% minimum of funding is required to be expended in six years
- State has 12 years to expend all CDBG-MIT funds





Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program (GIP)

- Allocation: Round I \$150,000,000; **Round II \$175,000,000**
- Application Cycle: June 16, 2021 to September 17, 2021
- Project Minimum & Maximum: \$2,000,000 - \$175,000,000 (Round II)
- Application Type: Subrecipient
- Applicant Eligibility: Counties, municipalities, state agencies, non-profits and non-governmental organizations that apply in partnership with their local UGLG or state agency
- Geographic Eligibility: HUD and State-Designated MID areas
- National Objectives: Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) and Urgent Need
- Hazard Risks Addressed: Flooding, Severe Storms, Tropical Cyclones, Coastal Erosion, Wildfires
- Community Lifelines Protected: Safety and Security, Food, Water and Shelter, Health and Medical, Energy, Communication, Transportation and Hazardous Materials:



Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program (GIP) Overview



Examples of General Infrastructure projects:

- Restoration of critical infrastructure (ex: water and sewer facilities, streets, removal of debris, drainage, bridges, etc.).
- Renourishment of protective coastal dune systems and state beaches.
- Building or fortifying buildings that are essential to the health, safety and welfare of a community.
- Rehabilitation or construction of stormwater management systems.
- Road repair improvement and bridge strengthening.

To be eligible for funding, a grant proposal must:

- Comply with the state of Florida's Mitigation Action Plan.
- Have a beneficial impact upon the designated disaster area.
- Solve a problem independently or constitute a functional portion of a solution in which there is assurance that the project as a whole will be completed.
- Be cost-effective and substantially reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss or suffering resulting from a major disaster.

Request for Applications

Application Evaluation
and Scoring

Award to Selected
Subrecipients

Subrecipient
Agreements Executed

Application Process



- Application Period: **June 16, 2021 – September 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m. EST**
- Applications must describe the project being proposed and address how and why it needs to be created or updated to mitigate risks attributable to threats identified in the state of Florida Action Plan’s Risk-Based Mitigation Needs Assessment. Plans must also include a proposed budget with a detailed description of anticipated costs by category, including support services, program management and administration. Hardening of critical buildings that serve a public safety purpose for local communities.
- Application materials are provided in Appendices A-G of the GIP Guidelines, which include:
 - Application Form
 - Application Checklist & Instructions
 - Application Templates
 - Completed Sample Application

Eligible and Ineligible Activities



ELIGIBLE

- Materials and supplies related to GIP activities
- Construction costs
- Rehabilitation or construction of stormwater management systems
- Improvements to drainage facilities
- Support services
- Participant outreach
- Program management
- Program administration
 - Condition 1: Allowable, reasonable and necessary
 - Condition 2: directly related to project activity

INELIGIBLE

- Indirect costs
- Material or supply costs unrelated to GIP activities
- Furnishings and personal property, including motor vehicles and fixtures
- Political activities or lobbying
- Payments to a for-profit business while that business or business owner is the subject of unresolved findings for non-compliance with CDBG assistance
- Funding to private utilities
- Supplanted funds
- Building Emergency Operations Centers (EOC)

Scoring Evaluation



DEO will apply a two-phased process to review and score applications.

Phase 1: Proposals must meet Mandatory Threshold Compliance Criteria

- Application is signed and complete
- Application was submitted on time
- Applicant is an eligible county, municipality, state agency
 - Non-profit or non-governmental entity that applied in partnership with a county, municipality or state agency
 - Applicant's project benefits HUD and/or State MID areas
 - Public Notice Requirements are met

Phase 2: Review based on mitigation value and cost effectiveness

- Available Points: **150**
- Scoring Categories:
 - Project Description
 - Community Value
 - Capacity Plan
 - Implementation Plan
 - Budget
 - Leveraged Dollars
 - MID areas
 - Overall LMI Benefit
 - Social Vulnerability
 - Special Designations

Application Walk-Through





- A video walk-through of the online application is posted on the program webpage.
- To request an application link, complete the application request form on the program webpage.

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Rebuild Florida application page. The page features the logos for Rebuild Florida and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). A language dropdown menu is set to "English". The main text welcomes users to the "Mitigation General Infrastructure Program (GIP) Round II Application" and provides instructions on how to use the application materials. It lists several resources: GIP Guidelines, GIP Checklist and Instructions, GIP IP Template, and GIP Budget Template. Finally, it lists methods for responding to questions, such as short responses, attaching documents, downloading templates, and providing e-signatures.

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Welcome to Rebuild Florida's **Mitigation General Infrastructure Program (GIP) Round II** Application.

The CDBG-MIT team strongly encourages you to utilize the GIP Instructions that are located in the GIP Guidelines when completing this application. The instructions provide a step-by-step guide that may answer questions that arise while filling out the application. Attached are the GIP Checklist and Guidelines, GIP Checklist and Instructions, Implementation Plan (IP) Template, and Budget Template.

[GIP Guidelines](#)
[GIP Checklist and Instructions](#)
[GIP IP Template](#)
[GIP Budget Template](#)

The following are methods for responding to questions for this application:

- Short response
- Attaching essay responses in the form of a text or Word document
- Downloading templates, filling them out and re-uploading them to the application
- Answering Yes/No response questions
- Selecting multiple answers
- Providing an e-signature

Round II Recommendations



- Read the documents provided (Guidelines, Application Instructions and Checklist, Action Plan)
- Preview the Application before responding to questions
- Justify Budget line items
- Ensure eligibility requirements are met and conduct a project self assessment
- Follow Application instructions carefully (resource links provided)
- Ensure that your project has a strong mitigation connection
- Highlight Community Lifeline benefits
- Review Public Notice (posting dates *must* precede application deadline)

Technical Assistance



- DEO will provide one-on-one technical assistance (TA) calls to GIP applicants starting on July 19, 2021 and ending on July 30, 2021.
- You may reserve a time for one-on-one technical assistance by visiting: <https://www.picktime.com/taconference>
- Applicants can email questions to: cdbg-mit@deo.myflorida.com
- Review Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program Guidelines before your scheduled call.
- After July 30, 2021: Continued TA support to applicants during application cycle.

Comments/Questions



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

Contact: cdbg-mit@deo.myflorida.com

