

AMENDMENT TO ACTION PLAN

All language proposed to be added to the action plan is underlined>.

METHOD OF ALLOCATION

General Information

The Department of Community Affairs will administer the \$100,915,626 allocated by HUD. Entitlement communities, non-entitlement communities and federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible to apply for assistance. Congress has directed that funds go "to areas facing the greatest need" and provide overall benefit to at least 50 percent LMI persons. Applicants must certify that there is no other funding available to address the need.

Eligible applicants may submit multifaceted (housing, public assistance, and business needs) applications. This plan does not limit funding by project category; however, project categories are ranked. Local governments are encouraged to give special consideration to the unmet needs of the elderly, people with disabilities, and persons living in poverty.

The state anticipates that two percent of the funding will be used for administrative expenses and an additional one percent for technical assistance to applicants. The remaining funds will be awarded to local governments.

Allocation of Funds to Areas of Greatest Need

Although all 67 counties were included in at least one of the four disaster declarations, only the fifteen hardest-hit counties are targeted to receive funding. This allocation is based on the Department's compilation of hurricane damage assessment data from FEMA (infrastructure), the Agency for Workforce Innovation (business) and the Governor's Hurricane Housing Work Group (housing). The Department has worked diligently to collect comprehensive damage assessment data from authoritative sources. The Department coordinated with Governor's Hurricane Housing Workgroup, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budgeting to review the results of the data compilation and ensure accuracy.

Directing funding to the "hardest hit" areas ensures that counties with the greatest disaster recovery needs are targeted for funding in amounts adequate to make a significant impact on the severity of local circumstances. The allocation of funding is provided below.

Allocation of Funds

	HOUSING	INFRASTRUCTURE	BUSINESS	DISASTER IMPACT SCORE		
County	% multiplied by 100	% multiplied by 100	% multiplied by 100		COUNTY CAP	Maximum # of Applicants
Charlotte	0.97	0.96	0.99	2.92	\$9,000,000.00	2
St. Lucie	0.83	0.78	0.60	2.20	\$9,000,000.00	3
Indian River	0.66	0.72	0.71	2.08	\$9,000,000.00	6
Escambia	1.00	0.46	0.58	2.04	\$9,000,000.00	3
DeSoto	0.82	0.36	0.67	1.85	\$9,000,000.00	2
Santa Rosa	0.80	0.39	0.45	1.64	\$9,000,000.00	4

Hardee	0.59	0.54	0.48	1.61	\$9,000,000.00	4
Brevard	0.51	0.28	0.27	1.06	\$4,375,000.00	16
Martin	0.37	0.34	0.31	1.02	\$4,375,000.00	5
Palm Beach	0.30	0.35	0.28	0.93	\$4,375,000.00	38
Polk	0.49	0.22	0.16	0.87	\$4,375,000.00	18
Orange	0.17	0.50	0.16	0.83	\$4,375,000.00	14
Okeechobee	0.48	0.11	0.20	0.79	\$4,375,000.00	2
Volusia	0.21	0.29	0.27	0.76	\$4,375,000.00	16
Osceola	0.31	0.30	0.13	0.74	\$4,375,000.00	3

Alternative Funding Allocation

Should an applicant fail to demonstrate the need for, or the ability to effectively administer, the full allocation of funding for projects contracted for, the Department may:

1. Reallocate the funds to an eligible county that did not receive funding (see overall damage assessment spreadsheet); or
2. Reallocate the funds to an applicant that received insufficient funding to fully recover from the hurricane(s).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY PLANNING

The state will provide technical assistance to local governments requesting assistance in developing applications for funding under the HUD Disaster Recovery Initiative. At a minimum, this technical assistance will provide information on: the eligible uses of funds, the application or method of fund distribution, and an explanation of rules and regulations governing the grants funded under the Disaster Recovery Initiative. Technical assistance may take the form of workshops, telecommunication, on-site assistance, written correspondence, or manuals and guidebooks.

HUD has indicated that one percent of the funds may be used by the state for technical assistance. The state anticipates that it will utilize this percentage of the funds for technical assistance activities. Technical assistance funds may also be used to assist applicants with long-term recovery planning; however, any plan developed using the funds must provide for comprehensive capital improvements.

The Department is working with FEMA and other state agency partners to ensure that the projects funded under this initiative are related to the long-term recovery plans of communities. The Department recognizes the importance of having a long-term recovery plan and will continue to assist local governments in structuring meaningful plans.