



Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What entities are eligible to receive funding through the Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Program?

A. Units of General Local Government (UGLG) limited to counties and cities located in [eligible areas](#) impacted by Hurricane Irma.

Q. Is there a maximum or minimum amount of funding that may be applied for?

A. Each project must be a minimum of \$500,000.

Q. What activities are eligible for funding in the Program?

A. Eligible activities within this program may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Restoration of infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Irma (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, removal of debris, drainage, bridges, etc.).
- Demolition and rehabilitation of publicly or privately owned commercial or industrial buildings.
- Re-nourishment of protective coastal dunes systems and state beaches.
- Repairs to damaged buildings that are essential to the health, safety and welfare of a community when repairs to these buildings constitutes an urgent need (this can include police stations, fire stations, parks and recreational centers, community and senior centers, hospitals, clinics, schools and educational facilities, other public properties).
- Repairs to water lines and systems, sewer lines and systems, drainage and flood mitigation systems.

To be eligible, projects must align with Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) requirements including, but not limited to, a demonstrated tie-back to Hurricane Irma, primary service to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) populations and an avoidance of Duplication of Benefits (DOB).

Q. Can an applicant apply for funding for an existing project?

A. Funds may be used to meet a matching, share, or contribution requirement for other federal programs when used to carry out an eligible CDBG-DR infrastructure activity.

Q. Does the Duplication of Benefits review apply?

A. Yes, under the Stafford Act: Sec. 312 – Duplication of Benefits (DOB), any agency administering a federal grant must ensure that their assistance does not duplicate the benefits



of any other assistance. If duplicate funding is discovered, the repayment of the funds will be required.

Q. How can Duplication of Benefits be prevented?

A. All payments received, from entities such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), private insurance and others, will be supplied and a thorough review of the information will be conducted and verified.

Q. Is an environmental review of the project necessary?

A. Yes, the subrecipient is responsible for conducting a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) compliant environmental review and providing the information to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).

Q. How long do applicants have to complete projects?

A. Two years. In some cases, a one-year extension may be granted, but with no additional funding.

Q. How will DEO evaluate local government's applications?

A. DEO will apply a two-phased process to review applications. First, proposals must pass HUD CDBG-DR Threshold Compliance Criteria. Second, DEO will review and score each proposal based on Scoring Criteria.

Q. What is the scoring criteria comprised of?

A. Projects will be scored based on their LMI impact for the community, project readiness, management capacity, project nature, special designation and project impact as described in the program guidelines.

Q. May multiple local governments submit an application together?

A. Yes, a group of UGLGs may apply as a region.



Q: Are UGLGs that received an award in the first round of funding for the Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Program eligible to apply for additional projects?

A. Yes, eligible entities that received funding in the first round of funding are eligible to submit additional applications.

Q: Can eligible entities apply for more than one project?

A. Yes, UGLGs can submit applications for multiple projects. If you apply for multiple projects, fill out a separate application for each project and each project must be a minimum of \$500,000.

Q: Will there be an opportunity for DEO to provide additional information about the application cycle?

A: In the coming weeks DEO will be providing information on various opportunities to interact with the Infrastructure team regarding questions on the application process. If you have any questions, please email them to CDBG-DRInfrastructureApp@deo.myflorida.com

Q: Will DEO waive the requirements for the citizen participation meetings as prescribed in the Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program guidelines?

A: DEO is seeking guidance from HUD on whether this is an allowable request.