Infrastructure Repair Program
Frequently Asked Questions

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

A. Units of General Local Government (UGLG) including counties, municipalities, water management districts, and water authorities located in eligible areas affected by Hurricane Irma may apply.

Q. May an applicant submit more than one application?

A. No. A UGLG may only submit one application.

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

A. No. There is no maximum or minimum award.

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.
- Renourishment 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 CDBG-DR requirements including, but not limited to, a demonstrated tie-back to Hurricane Irma, primary service to Low-to-Moderate Income populations, and avoidance of duplication of benefits.

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

A. Funds may be used to meet a matching, share, or contribution requirement for any other federal program 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, such as FEMA and insurance and others, will be supplied and a thorough review of the information will be conducted and verified.

Q. Is an environmental review necessary?

A. Yes, the subrecipient is responsible for conducting environmental reviews 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 first pass Us. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG-DR Threshold Compliance Criteria. Second, DEO will review and score each proposal based on Scoring Criteria.

Q. May multiple local governments submit an application together?

A. A group of UGLGs may apply as a region. However, proposals for funding may only serve eligible counties and zip codes. It should also be noted that if a UGLG participates in a regional-type project, the application for that project will serve as that UGLG’s only application.