



# Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program Overview

Hurricane Michael

December 3, 2020



# Agenda

- Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Overview
- Overview of Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program
- Eligible Activities
- Scoring
- Technical Assistance
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# Florida Department of Economic Opportunity: Office of Disaster Recovery



- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)'s Office of Disaster Recovery 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 well as the CBDG-MIT program.
- Rebuild Florida is a program of DEO created with federal funding to help Florida's long-term recovery efforts from the devastating impacts of recent storms. The CDBG-DR allocation for Hurricane Michael totals \$735 million.

# CDBG-DR Overview/Timeline



- **October 2018:** Hurricane Michael made landfall in the Florida Panhandle.
- **May 8, 2019:** \$448 million announced by HUD.
- **December 3, 2019:** Additional \$287 million allocation from HUD.
- **January 27, 2020:** Federal Register published.
  - [FR-6182-N-01](#)
  - **Total Florida Allocation:** \$735,553,001
- **February 12 – 20, 2020:** DEO hosted public outreach meetings throughout Hurricane Michael-impacted communities.
- **March 11, 2020:** State Action Plan posted for public comment.
- **April 10, 2020:** Public comment period closed.
- **May 14, 2020:** DEO submitted the State Action Plan to HUD.
- **June 26, 2020:** HUD approved state of Florida's Action Plan for Hurricane Michael long-term recovery.
  - **August 17, 2020:** Launch of Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program.
  - **September 2, 2020:** Launch of Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program.
  - **October 1, 2020:** Launch of Rebuild Florida Workforce Recovery Training Program.
  - **October 5, 2020:** Launch of Rebuild Florida Technical Assistance Grant Program.
  - **November 18, 2020:** Launch of Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program.

# Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas

- **HUD Designated MID areas:**

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

- **State Designated MID areas:**

- Holmes
- Leon
- Taylor



# Rebuild Florida Programs for Hurricane Michael



- **Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program** – Designed to fund infrastructure restoration and improvement projects in communities impacted by Hurricane Michael.
- **Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program** – Designed to support the recovery of economic activity in commercial areas of impacted towns and cities, facilitating the return and recovery of businesses, jobs and provision of goods and services to the community.
- **Rebuild Florida Workforce Recovery Training Program** – Designed to provide funding opportunities for local workforce development boards, educational institutions and technical centers located in the communities most impacted by Hurricane Michael to train new workers in construction trades.
- **Rebuild Florida Housing Repair and Replacement Program** - Designed to repair, replace or reconstruct homes damaged by Hurricane Michael.
- **Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program** – Designed to encourage risk reduction through the purchase of residential property in high flood-risk areas to help reduce the impact of future disasters. Local governments that are within the federal and state designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas are eligible to apply for funding.
- **Rebuild Florida Technical Assistance Grant Program** - Designed to help Fiscally Constrained Counties impacted by Hurricane Michael access Rebuild Florida’s long-term disaster recovery programs by providing assistance with application development, including project identification, project cost determination, and scope of work preparation.

# Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program



- **Allocation:** \$60,406,429
- **Application Cycle:** November 18, 2020 – February 16, 2021
- **Maximum Award:** \$15,000,000
- **Minimum Award:** \$250,000
- **Application Type:** Subrecipient
- **Applicant Eligibility:** Unit of Local Governments, State Agencies, Community Revitalization Agencies, Community Development Districts, Community Based Development Organizations or Non-Profits that primarily engages with Community Redevelopment Activities that applies in partnership with their Unit of Local Government or State Agency.
- **Geographic Eligibility:** HUD and State-Designated MID areas
- **National Objectives:** Benefit to Low - and Moderate-Income (LMI) Persons, Slum and Blight or Urgent Need

# Eligible Activities



Eligible activities under the Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program include:

- Public facility improvements including streetscapes, lighting, sidewalks or other physical improvements to commercial areas.
- Acquisition, demolition, site preparation or rehabilitation of commercial structures carried out by a unit of local government.
- Assistance to small businesses for rehabilitation and physical improvements to their places of business.
- Façade improvements to private or public structures in commercial areas.



# Ineligible Uses of Funding



Ineligible activities under the Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program include:

- Working capital, operational capital or start-up capital for a business or business incubator.
- New construction of a commercial building that was not present prior to Hurricane Michael.
- Purchase of equipment.
- Inventory, furnishings, equipment or similar items provided to a business that are not related to improvements of real property.
- Acquisition of property via Eminent Domain.
- General government expenses.

# Application Scoring Criteria



- DEO will apply a two-phased process to review applications:
  - DEO Threshold Compliance Criteria.
  - If a proposal is determined to satisfy Threshold Compliance Criteria, DEO will apply scoring based on the following Scoring Criteria for a maximum of 140 points:

Scoring Criteria		Max. Score Points
1.	Overall LMI Benefit	30
2.	Project Description	20
3.	Project Impact	20
4.	Leverage of Funds	20
5.	Management Capacity Plan	10
6.	Special Designation	10
7.	Budget	10
8.	Project Readiness	10
9.	Project Located in HUD or State-Identified MID Area	10
Total Capacity Score:		140



# Technical Assistance

- DEO will provide Technical Assistance (TA) during the application cycle for Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program applicants.
- You may email your questions to: [CDBG-DRMichaelHRP@deo.myflorida.com](mailto:CDBG-DRMichaelHRP@deo.myflorida.com)
- If you are an eligible entity in a state-designated Fiscally Constrained County and in need of assistance with application development, including project identification, project cost determination, and scope of work preparation, you may also apply for the Rebuild Florida Technical Assistance Grant Program.

# Questions



- To ask a question, type it in the 'Questions' box.
- To learn more about the DEO Office of Disaster Recovery and programs available to disaster-impacted communities, visit:

[www.RebuildFlorida.gov](http://www.RebuildFlorida.gov)

Email: CDBG-DRMichaelHRP@deo.myflorida.com

