

# CDBG Disaster Recovery Initiative

“REBUILDING COMMUNITIES TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW”



The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) administers the Disaster Recovery

Initiative (DRI) for the State of Florida. At present, the Disaster Recovery team manages grants related

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to the 2004, 2005 and 2008 hurricane seasons. Through allocations provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), these funds help cities, counties and states recover from Presidentially-declared disasters. The Disaster Recovery Initiative has allocated more than \$290 million dollars to communities across the state.

## DRI Activities

Rehabilitation and Preservation of Housing

Water and Sewer Improvements

Street Improvements

Economic Development Activities

Downtown Revitalization

Parks & Recreation Projects

Drainage Improvements



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## Eligibility Requirements

### Eligible Grantees

CDBG Disaster Recovery funds are made available to states, units of local governments, and insular areas designated by the President of the United States as disaster areas. Communities must have significant unmet recovery needs and the capacity to carry out a disaster recovery program.

### Eligible Activities

Disaster Recovery funds are most appropriate for long-term recovery needs. Grantees may use funds for recovery efforts that involve: **housing, economic development, infrastructure** and **prevention** of further damage to affected areas.

Activities must meet at least one of three program national objectives:

1. Benefit persons of low and moderate income,
2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or
3. Meet other urgent community development needs.

## Overview

CDBG Disaster Recovery grants primarily benefit low-income residents in and around communities that have experienced a natural disaster. Generally, grantees must use at least half of Disaster Recovery funds for activities that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. These can be either activities in which all or the majority of people who benefit have low or moderate incomes or activities that benefit an area or service group in which at least 51 percent of the population are of low- and moderate-income.

## Key Facts

- The Disaster Recovery Initiative has allocated more than \$290 million to communities across the state
- Disaster Recovery projects rehabilitate damaged housing and infrastructure, strengthen housing and public structures
- More than 40 Florida counties have benefited from disaster recovery grants during the initiative's three funding cycles
- Residential recovery funds have repaired storm-damaged houses, provided funding for buy-outs, and relocation for flood plain residents
- Infrastructure funds have provided much needed storm water, sewer, drainage, and street improvements

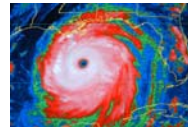
## Disaster Recovery Funding Cycles

### 2004 Hurricane Season



**\$100,915,626** in grant funds were issued following **Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricanes Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.**

### 2005 Hurricane Season



**\$82,904,000** in grant funds were released following **Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma.** Disaster recovery funds were distributed to **20 Florida counties.**

### 2008 Hurricane Season



**\$107,680,530** in grant funds were released following **Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.** Funds were directed to areas facing the greatest need.



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