



Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)

*Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Office of Disaster Recovery*



AGENDA

- Introductions
- CDBG-Mitigation Overview
- Eligible Communities
- State Action Plan Development
- Activities Eligible and Ineligible for Funding
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Public Comment/ Question & Answer Session
- Conclusion

GOALS FOR CDBG-MIT PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

- Provide more information on CDBG-MIT program, State Action Plan development, next steps and more.
- Gather feedback and input on local priorities for the use of CDBG-MIT funding.

INTRODUCTION

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

- State partner of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Administers multiple HUD grant programs, including Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Office of Disaster Recovery

- Administering nearly \$900m in CDBG – Disaster Recovery funding for hurricanes Hermine, Mathew and Irma
- Preparing for \$448M in committed but not yet released CDBG – Disaster Recovery funding for Hurricane Michael
- CDBG - Mitigation

HUD MITIGATION DEFINITION

“Those activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.”

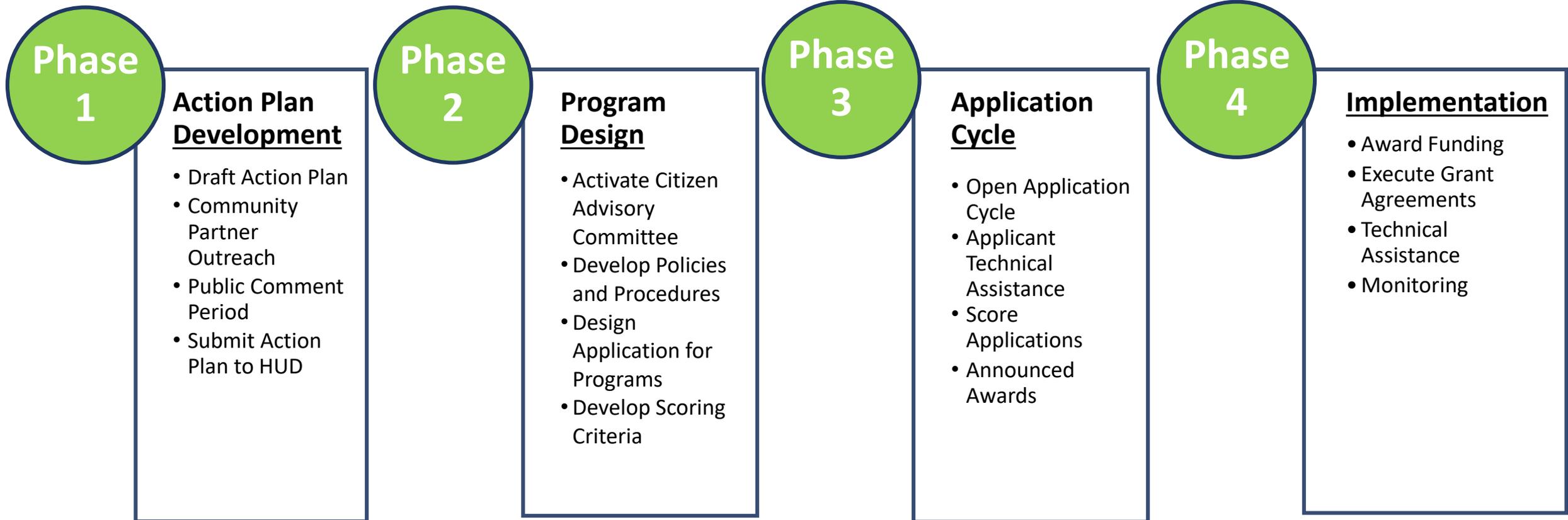
— U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



CDBG – MIT OVERVIEW

- Funds originally announced: April 2018
- Florida allocation: \$633,485,000
- Federal Register Notice Published: August 30, 2019
- In total, 51 Florida counties are currently eligible for CDBG-MIT funding.
 - Due to 2016 and 2017 (Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, and Irma) disasters
- CDBG-MIT state action plan due to HUD: **February 3, 2020.**

CDBG – MIT TIMELINE

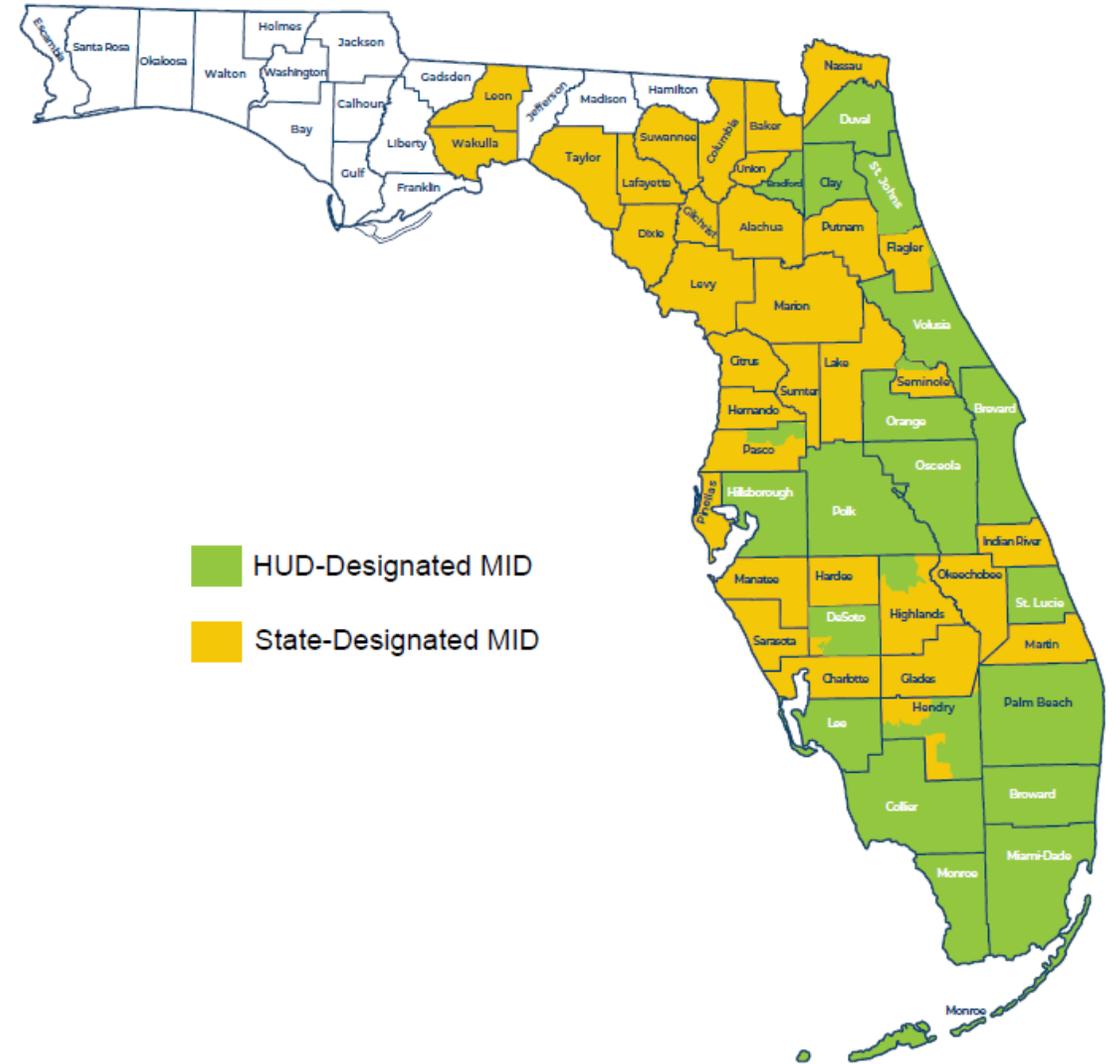


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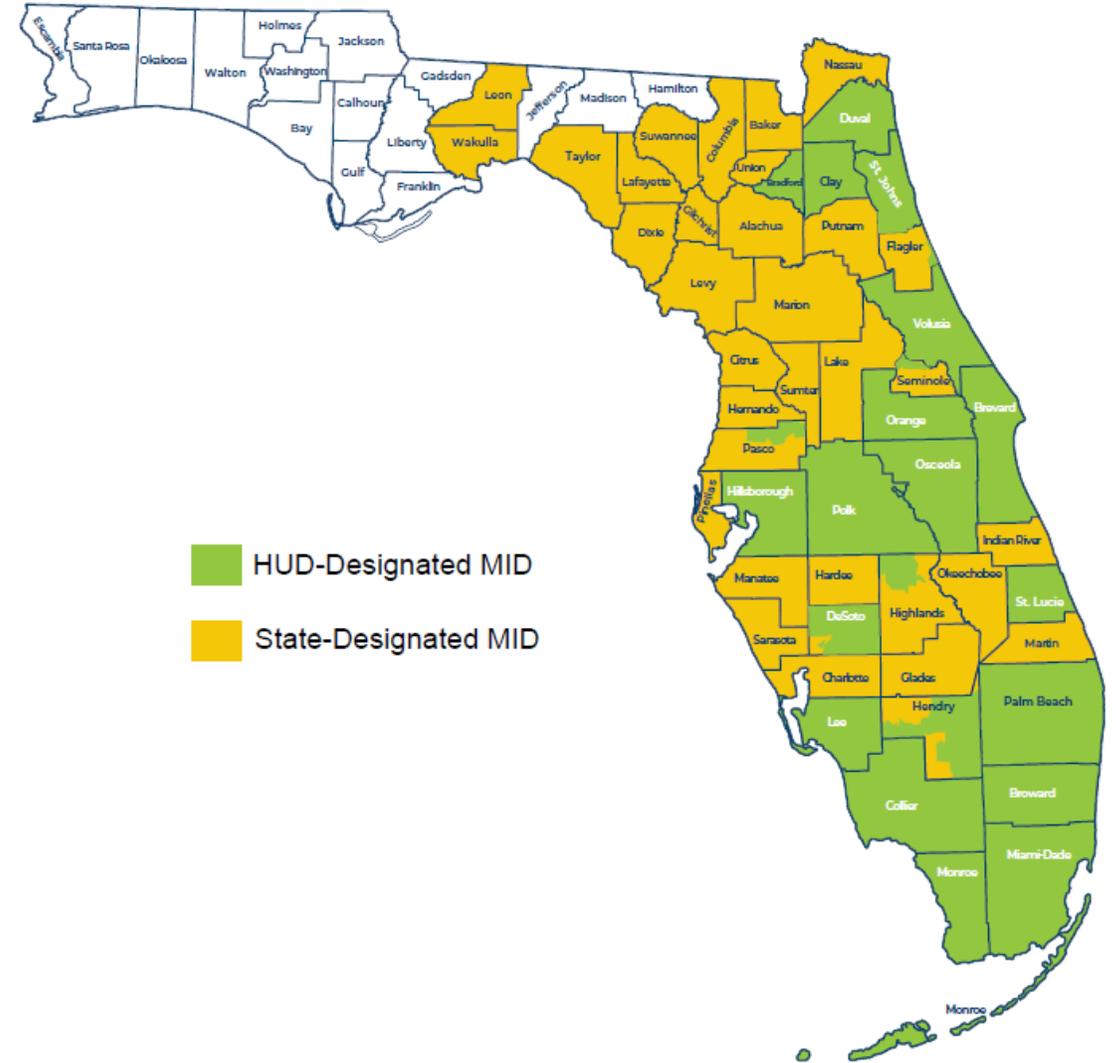
CDBG-MIT FUNDING

- At least 50% of funds must be spent on mitigation needs in HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas
- Remaining funds can be spent in State-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas
- 50% minimum spending to benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) communities
- 50% minimum required funding expended in 6 years
- 100% must be expended in 12 years



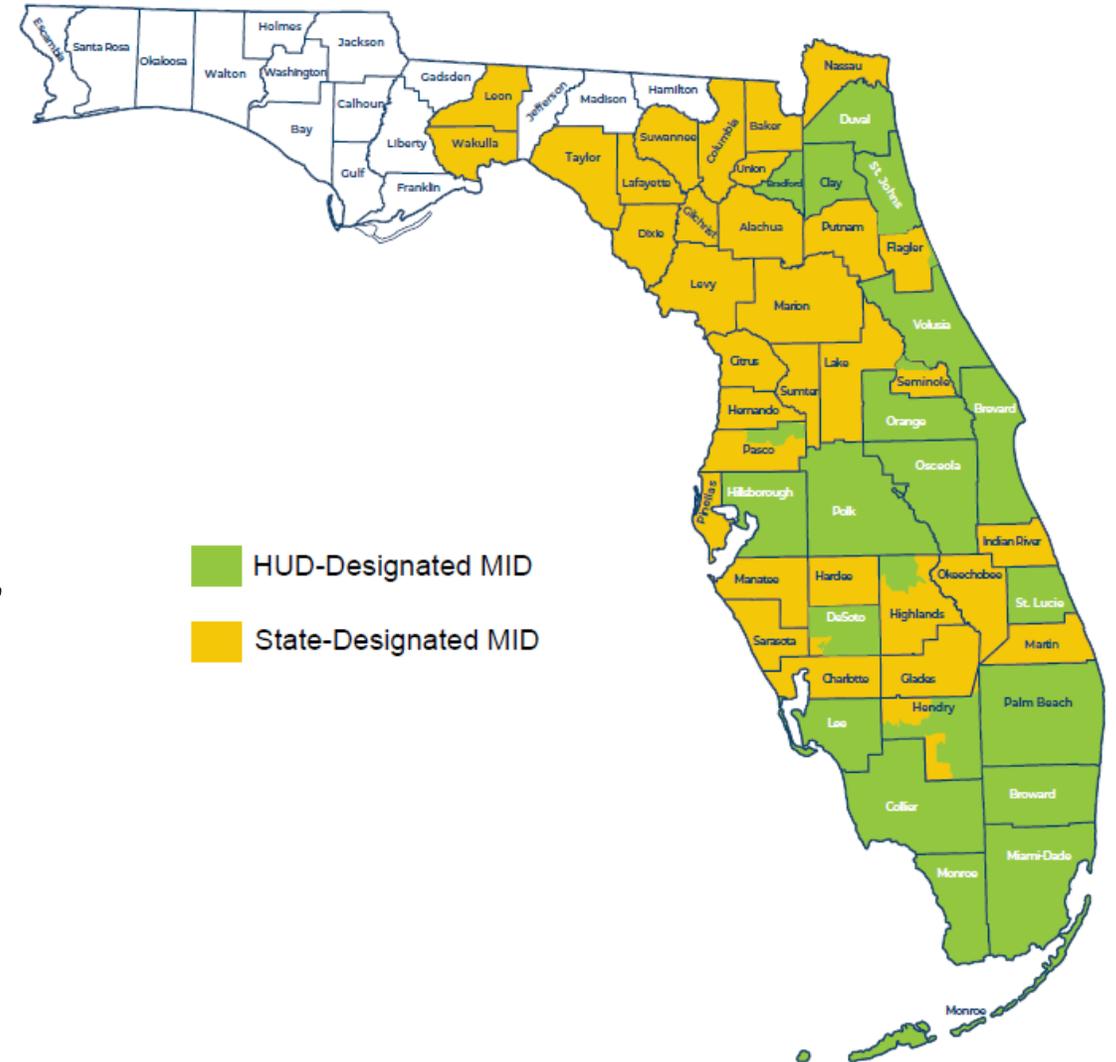
HUD MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED (MID) AREAS

- **HUD-designated MID counties:** Brevard, Broward, Clay, Collier, Duval, Hillsborough, Lee, Miami Dade, Monroe, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, St. Johns, St. Lucie, and Volusia counties;
- **HUD-designated MID ZIP Codes:** 32084, 32091, 32136, 32145, 32771, 33440, 33523, 33825, 33870, 32068, 33935, and 34266.



STATE MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED (MID) AREAS

- **State-designated MID counties:** Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Charlotte, Citrus, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Indian River, Lafayette, Lake, Leon, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Okeechobee, Pasco, Pinellas, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla.



CDBG-MIT ACTION PLAN

- DEO will lead the state's efforts to create the federally require State Action Plan
 - Provides a high-level strategy for how the funding will be used to address eligible communities' disaster mitigation needs.
 - Will be developed in partnership with state and local partners involved in on mitigation and resiliency efforts.
- **Action Plan is due February 3, 2020**
 - Public Comment = 45 days
 - HUD review = 60 days after submission
- **Requirements**
 - Risk-Based Needs Assessment
 - Community Participation Strategy
 - Eligible and Ineligible Activities

CDBG – MITIGATION ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



CDBG-MIT ACTION PLAN

- Mitigation Needs Assessment
- Long-term planning and risk mitigation considerations
- Connection of mitigation programs and projects to identified risks
- Low- and moderate-income priority
- Coordination of mitigation projects and leverage
- Plans to minimize displacement and ensure accessibility
- Maximum award amounts, necessary, and reasonable assistance
- Natural Infrastructure
- Construction standards
- Operation and maintenance plans
- Cost verification
- Building code and hazard mitigation planning

**RISK BASED MITIGATION NEEDS
ASSESSMENT**

RISK-BASED MITIGATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Addresses the current and future risks identified in the most impacted and distressed areas
- “...must quantitatively assess the significant potential impacts and risks of hazards...”
- State Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) *must* be utilized in risk assessment. “Grantees must reference these plans and indicate how the risks identified in the Mitigation Needs Assessment have been informed by the FEMA mitigation plan.”
- As mitigation needs evolve over time and conditions change, amendments to the initial assessment will be submitted.
- Seven Community Lifelines Risk Reduction

RISK-BASED MITIGATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT: HAZARDS

The risk assessment provides the **factual basis** for activities proposed in the mitigation strategy that will reduce losses from identified hazards. It makes a **clear connection** between the **vulnerability** and the **proposed hazard mitigation actions**.

- Flooding
- Hurricanes/Tropical Storms
- Severe Storms
- Coastal Erosion
- Wildfires

Community lifelines enable the **continuous operation** of government functions and critical business and is essential to **human health and safety** or economic security. In our risk assessment, **identifying gaps and vulnerabilities** of these critical services will inform our mitigation strategy.

RISK-BASED MITIGATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Interagency Effort

- “...must consult with other jurisdictions, the private sector and other government agencies, including State and local emergency management agencies that have primary responsibility for the administration of FEMA mitigation funds, including the State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMI), for HMGP alignment.”
- “...must use the risks identified in the FEMA approved HMO as the starting point for its Mitigation Needs Assessment...”
- “If a jurisdiction is currently updating an expired HMP, the grantee’s agency administering the CDBG-MIT funds must consult with the agency administering the HMP update to identify the risks that will be included in the Mitigation Needs Assessment.”

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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- In May 2019, DEO launched CDBG-MIT survey to generate feedback from Florida communities regarding their mitigation needs and priorities.
 - Still available at RebuildFlorida.gov
- Upcoming regional workshops in MID areas.
- Regular program updates via webinar, conference calls and email blasts.
- Publication of the action plan and opportunity for public comment
- Meaningful access to public commentary to LEP individuals
- Must make the action plan and any amendments accessible online

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- Following an approved action plan, DEO “shall form one or more citizen advisory committees that shall meet in an open forum not less than twice annually in order to provide increased transparency in the implementation of the CDBG-MIT funds, to solicit and respond to public comment and input regarding the grantee’s mitigation activities and to serve as an on-going public forum to continuously inform the grantee’s CDBG-MIT projects and programs.”

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES - INFRASTRUCTURE

- Regional investments in risk reduction from hazards to develop disaster-resistant infrastructure
- Water, sewer, solid waste, communications, energy, transportation, health and medical, and other public infrastructure to address specific identified risks
- Multi-use infrastructure
- Green or natural mitigation infrastructure development

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES - PLANNING

- “Development of modernized and resilient building codes and land use plans.”
- “Integration of mitigation planning with other local and regional mitigation community development, land use and other plans”
- “Upgrade mapping, data, and other capabilities to better understand evolving potential disaster risks.”
- Eligible Plans
 - Local and regional functional land-use plans
 - Master plans
 - Historical preservation plans
 - Comprehensive plans
 - Community recovery plans
 - Resilience plans
 - Development of building codes
 - Zoning ordinances
 - Neighborhood plans

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES - CDBG-MIT AS MATCH

- Meeting matching requirements, shares, or contribution for other Federal programs
 - Includes FEMA and *USACE
 - USACE federal project max is \$250,000

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Funding for buildings used for the general conduct of government
- Emergency Response Services (ERS)
 - Funds **may** be used to enhance the resilience of facilities
- Forced mortgage payoff
- Enlargement of dam or levee beyond original design
- Assistance to private utilities



ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Promote local and regional long-term planning and implementation (including development and enforcement of building codes)
- Promote coordination and leveraging of funds
- Promote natural infrastructure
- Ensure construction standards
- Describe plans for long-term operation and maintenance
- Assure that construction costs are reasonable



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What entities will be eligible to apply for CDBG-MIT funding?

A: DEO is still in the process of creating the Action Plan, however we anticipate our primary applicant pool to include local and regional units of government.

Q: When would eligible applicants realistically have access to grant funds?

A: Information about the application process will be posted after HUD approves the State Action Plan. The State Action Plan is due to HUD on February 3, 2020.

Q: Is there any match requirement?

A: CDBG-MIT funding does not require a match, however funds can be used to meet a local matching requirement, share, or contribution for any other Federal program when used to carry out an eligible CDBG-MIT activity.

Q: What is the 50% LMI requirement?

A: The 50% LMI determination is a Federal requirement for the overall funding allocation. DEO must administer half of the \$633 million to LMI areas.

Q: Is there a maximum amount that an agency can request for a single project?

A: Maximum project amounts will be outlined in our Policies and Procedures documents that will be developed after HUD approval of the action plan. Once we have additional information on specific amounts, we will send out communications regarding all pertinent details.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ Q&A SESSION

- Website: RebuildFlorida.Gov
- Mitigation Survey: RebuildFlorida.Gov
- Email: cdbg-mit@deo.myflorida.com

LEARN MORE

To learn more about the DEO Office of Disaster Recovery and programs available to disaster-impacted communities, visit:

www.RebuildFlorida.gov

