## **FLORIDA** COMMERCE

#### Hurricane Ian – Vendor Webinar

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#### **Purpose of Webinar**

FloridaCommerce wants to recruit and collaborate with **world-class vendors** to support the swift implementation of Florida's Hurricane Ian State Action Plan.

To support this goal, the purpose of today's webinar is to:

- Provide an overview of the Rebuild Florida program, the state's Hurricane Ian State Action Plan, and key program priorities;
- Share scope highlights from FloridaCommerce's Request for Quote (RFQ) issued on State Term Contract 7/14/23, addendum forthcoming, and;
- Communicate how we expect to ensure best use of taxpayer dollars for maximum long-term disaster recovery impact.



## **Our Mission**

- FloridaCommerce is the governor-designated state authority responsible for administering all United States 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 (excluding funds directly allocated to individual counties).
- The Office of Long-Term Resiliency (OLTR) utilizes these funds to support long-term resiliency for housing, infrastructure, and economic development in Florida communities impacted by disasters.
- Rebuild Florida launched in September 2018 to bring focus to allocate federal funds to help Florida's communities with long-term resiliency efforts from the devastating impacts of recent storms.
- CDBG-DR funds are intended to be the last resort for addressing unmet needs after any/all United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and insurance funding is exhausted. The most vulnerable populations are prioritized for award allocations.



## **Rebuild Florida Program Highlights**

- Over \$111 million awarded for Hurricane Hermine/Matthew-impacted communities, which encompasses our Housing Repair and Replacement and Affordable Rental Housing Programs.
- Over \$760 million awarded for Hurricane Irma-impacted communities which encompasses our Housing Repair and Replacement, Voluntary Home Buyout, Workforce Affordable Housing New Construction, Workforce Recovery Training and Infrastructure Programs.
- Over \$690 million awarded for Hurricane Michael-impacted communities which encompasses our Housing Repair and Replacement, Voluntary Home Buyout, Workforce Recovery Training, Hometown Revitalization, Hazard Mitigation Grant Match and Infrastructure Programs.
- \$187 million awarded for Hurricane Sally-impacted communities that will encompass our Housing Repair and Replacement, Hometown Revitalization, Voluntary Home Buyout, Workforce Affordable Housing Construction, Workforce Recovery Training and Mitigation Programs.
- Over \$580 million awarded for Mitigation projects statewide.



## **Rebuild Florida Program Highlights**

#### **Hurricane Michael Program Overview:**

- In October 2020, more than \$735 million in funding became available for FloridaCommerce to implement long-term disaster recovery and resiliency efforts in communities impacted by Hurricane Michael, allocating more than \$251 million to the Rebuild Florida Hurricane Michael Housing Repair and Replacement Program (HRRP).
- FloridaCommerce, formerly the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, launched the application cycle for the Hurricane Michael HRRP in January 2021, and construction began in July 2021.
- Of the 977 households served, over 75 percent were extremely low-income residents, over 65 percent were female head-of-household, over 60 percent included individuals with unique abilities, 50 percent were minority homeowners/residents, and over 80 percent had dependent household members.

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#### Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Successful Conclusion of Hurricane Michael Housing Construction Program, Reconstructing 977 Homes in 20 Months

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the successful conclusion of the Hurricane Michael Housing Repair and Replacement Program (HRRP), completing 977 housing projects and returning Hurricane Michael-impacted families to decent, safe, and sanitary homes 20 months after housing construction was initiated in July 2021, three years ahead of schedule. To date, Florida has provided over \$3 billion for Hurricane Michael recovery efforts in the Panhandle.

"Less than two years since construction began, we have made meaningful progress for Panhandle residents affected by Hurricane Michael," **said Governor Ron DeSantis.** "More than 977 residents are home after experiencing devastation from Hurricane Michael, demonstrating Florida's commitment to recovering efficiently, compassionately, and strategically following a disaster."

"The completion of the 977 homes represents 977 families' return to the security and peace of mind that a home provides, and this is a massive step forward to elevating Michael-impacted communities," **said Florida Secretary of Commerce J. Alex Kelly.** "As Florida braces for another hurricane season, it is important to remember that with every passing day, Florida's long-term recovery efforts improve, benefitting our families, our businesses, and, most importantly, our safety."



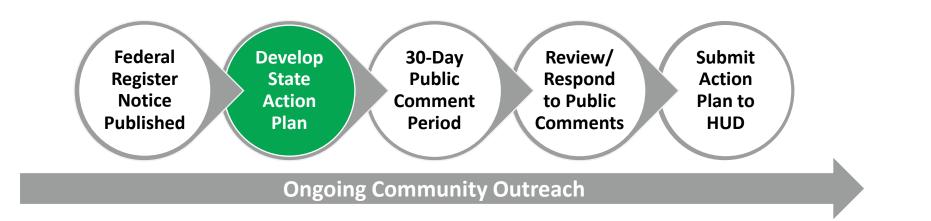
## **Hurricane Ian Summary**

- Hurricane Ian made landfall on September 28, 2022, as a Category 5 and one of the costliest weather disasters on record.
- Hurricane Ian was the strongest hurricane to impact Southwest Florida since Hurricane Charley in 2004.
- In the weeks and months that followed, Governor DeSantis and the Division of Emergency Management initiated an all hands-on-deck effort to help with search and rescue and long-term recovery efforts.
- FloridaCommerce deployed over 100 team members from Tallahassee with mobile units and stationed for over a month at FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers.
- Hurricane Ian impacted several of the same counties impacted by Hurricane Irma in 2017, a Category 4 storm.



## Florida's State Action Plan for Disaster Recovery

- The State Action Plan provides a high-level strategy for how the funding will be used to address unmet recovery and resiliency needs following disasters.
- FloridaCommerce is leading the state's efforts to create the Action Plan, which is developed with input from community members, community leaders, and community-based organizations.
- Action Plan Due: September 20, 2023
  - 30-Day public comment period prior to submission
  - 60-Day HUD review period after submission

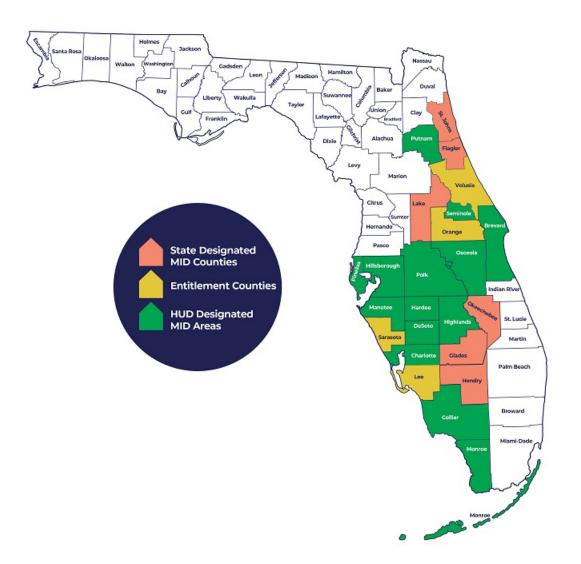


### **Hurricane Ian State Action Plan Timeline**

- September 28, 2022: Hurricane Ian made landfall.
- March 15, 2023: Funds announced by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):
  - State of Florida allocated **<u>\$910,624,000</u>** to serve remaining 20 Ian-impacted counties.
  - Direct allocations to Lee, Orange, Sarasota, and Volusia Counties.
- May 18, 2023: HUD published the Federal Register Notice (Federal Register/ Vol. 88, No. 96),
- May June 2023: FloridaCommerce holds site visits with all 24 Hurricane Ian-impacted counties.
- June July 2023: FloridaCommerce holds fourteen Community Workshop Meetings.
- July 12, 2023: Hurricane Ian State Action Plan posted for public comment at FloridaJobs.org/Hurricane-Ian.
- July 13, 2023: Thirty-day Public Comment Period begins for Hurricane Ian State Action Plan.
- August 3, 2023: Public Hearing in Seminole County.
- August 4, 2023: Public Hearing in Hillsborough County.
- August 12, 2023: Thirty-day Public Comment Period concludes for Hurricane Ian State Action Plan.
- September 20, 2023: Deadline for Ian State Action Plan to be submitted to HUD; state plans to submit well in advance of deadline.



## Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas



#### **HUD-Designated MID Areas:**

- Brevard Pinellas
- Charlotte Polk
- Collier
  Putnam
- DeSoto
  Seminole
- Hardee
- Highlands
- Hillsborough
- Manatee
- Monroe
- Osceola

#### **State-Designated MID Areas:**

- Flagler
- Glades
- Okeechobee

Lake

• Hendry • St. Johns



#### **Unmet Needs Assessment**

- Prioritizing the State of Florida's most vulnerable populations in the Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas impacted by Hurricane Ian is the central focus of the State of Florida's Action Plan for Disaster Recovery.
- As detailed in the unmet needs assessment, roughly 75 percent of the remaining Hurricane Ian unmet needs are in the housing sector (\$1.8B), 14 percent in infrastructure (\$356M), and 10 percent in the economy (\$255M). These figures include only the 20 MID counties identified in this Action Plan.
- Based on these figures, it is clear that the current funding is insufficient to meet the total unmet needs for the state and that funds must be prioritized toward implementation of housing programs.
- However, should HUD make additional funding available in the future, FloridaCommerce may incorporate additional programs should unmet needs remain.

#### **Unmet Need and Proposed Allocation**

Category	Remaining Unmet Need	Percent of Unmet Need	Program Allocation Amount	Percent of Program Allocation
Administration	\$0	N/A	\$45,531,200	5%
Planning	\$0	N/A	\$20,000,000	2.2%
Housing	\$1,886,005,587	75.48%	\$795,092,800	87.3%
Infrastructure	\$356,895,566	14.28%	\$50,000,000	5.5%
Economic Revitalization	\$255,882,538	10.24%	\$0	0%
Public Services	\$0	-%	\$0	0%
Mitigation*	\$0	-%	<b>\$0</b>	0%
Total	\$2,498,783,691	100%	\$910,624,000	100%



## **Action Plan Programs**

- Triaging limited federal funds allocated across 20 counties toward the most urgent need—housing—is paramount and a moral obligation.
- The proposed allocation of \$795,092,800 to address housing unmet needs would be distributed to three housing programs:
  - Housing Repair and Replacement Program (HRRP) (\$575,092,800)
  - Multiple Impact Program (MIP) (\$120,000,000)
  - Workforce Affordable Housing Construction Program (WFAH) (\$100,000,000)
- Additionally, the proposed allocation of \$50,000,000 to address unmet infrastructure needs would be distributed through one program: the Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program (HMGMP). The HMGMP will be focused on awards to fiscally constrained communities (as defined in Florida Statute 218.67(1)) and rural units of general local government (UGLGs).



# Housing Repair and Replacement Program (HRRP) - \$575,092,800

- The largest program in the action plan, this program will assist and prioritize the most vulnerable homeowners and property owners impacted by Hurricane Ian through the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of their Ian-damaged homes, including mobile homes.
- This program most directly benefits individuals in the MID areas of the state by repairing, reconstructing, or replacing Hurricane Ian damaged single-family owner-occupied homes, and rental properties.
- Applicants to this program will be prioritized based on vulnerability (income, disability, and age) and presence in a MID area.



## Multiple Impact Program (MIP) -\$120,000,000

- Several counties impacted by Hurricane Ian in 2022, also suffered impacts from Hurricane Irma in 2017, leading to a significant number of homeowners in these areas suffering setbacks in their recovery process.
- The MIP will prioritize these vulnerable homeowners who have suffered damage from Hurricane Irma, are present in the Hurricane Ian MID areas, and have yet to be served under the Hurricane Irma HRRP.
- This program would be administered through essentially the same process and activities as the Hurricane Irma HRRP, except for where Federal Register requirements differ.



# Workforce Affordable Housing Program (WFAH) - \$100,000,000

- These funds will be awarded to Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) to manage the construction of new affordable rental housing for tenants in areas impacted by Hurricane Ian.
- The term "workforce," as used under this program refers to low to moderate income (LMI) individuals.
- Additionally, FHFC may repair damaged multi-family properties through the WFAH.



### Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program (HMGMP) - \$50,000,000

- This program prioritizes fiscally constrained (as defined in Florida Statute 218.67(1)) and rural units of general local government (UGLGs) to fund the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) required 25 percent local match. These counties include Putnam, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Okeechobee, Glades, and Hendry.
- In conjunction with FEMA HMGP funds, these funds will allow the awarded UGLGs to execute necessary and significant infrastructure projects that they may not otherwise have the monetary means to complete (i.e. buyouts, structural elevation, localized flood risk reduction, infrastructure retrofitting, and post-disaster code enforcement). Projects must meet both FEMA and HUD requirements to be eligible for HMGMP funding.
- If in the future additional CDBG-DR funds for Hurricane Ian recovery are allocated by HUD to Florida, FloridaCommerce may consider implementing additional infrastructure programs.



## **Request for Quote (RFQ) Timeline**

July 14 RFQ Issued on State Term Contract July 15 – 21

Questions may be submitted by prospective vendors July 28 Deadline for Agency to Provides Responses

August 11

Vendor Proposals Due



## RFQ Highlights (Contract Number: C3775)

- Contractor is responsible for implementation of Housing Repair and Replacement and Subrecipient (HMGMP) programs related to long-term disaster recovery from Hurricane Ian.
- FloridaCommerce intends to begin recovery efforts with the most vulnerable and believes strongly in providing first-rate customer service during this recovery combined with the most robust fiscal accountability of taxpayers' dollars.
- The services and activities that the Contractor will provide include, but are not limited to:
  - Overall program management and operations
  - Housing services
  - Construction management
  - Infrastructure
  - Customer communications
  - Intake operations
  - Application processing
  - Training to support continuity of services throughout the state
  - Administration of all the tasks and services contained herein related to the Programs



## Housing Repair and Replacement Program (HRRP) Vendor Requirements

- CDBG-DR recordkeeping requirements require a dynamic and comprehensive System of Record (SOR) to maintain documentation relevant to the grant within the performance period.
- OLTR has recognized Salesforce as the mechanism for case management, overall construction management and constituent services.
- OLTR expects the prospective vendor to be flexible in their ability to efficiently operate within the SOR of the office's choosing.
- The awarded vendor is expected to procure, contract and manage Florida-Licensed General Contractors.
- The awarded vendor is expected to develop and execute an implementation plan and to establish intake centers, process flows, etc.
- The awarded vendor will manage homeowner eligibility operations.



### Housing Repair and Replacement Program (HRRP) Vendor Requirements

- To ensure vulnerable populations are given a fair and equitable opportunity to participate in the HRRP, FloridaCommerce has concluded that an extensive Outreach and Communications Plan is necessary to achieve this objective.
- The awarded vendor is expected to implement a robust community engagement outreach effort in order to achieve the desired outcome of the State.



# Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program (HMGMP) Vendor Requirements

Project management for the HMGMP includes:

- Management and Reporting
- Eligible Activities Review
- National Objective Review
- Technical Assistance



### **Additional Information**

To view a copy of the full **Request for Quote (RFQ)** and the **State of Florida's Hurricane Ian State Action Plan**, please visit: **floridajobs.org/Hurricane-Ian** 



#### **Contact Us**

#### Thank You.

If you have questions or comments about this presentation, please contact us.



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