

PRESENTATION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT- DISASTER RECOVERY

Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program Overview for Hurricane Michael

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Slide #1: INTRODUCTION SLIDE

Shumikia: Hello everyone. Welcome to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program overview. My name is Shumikia Duval, and I'm on the Office of Disaster Recovery Team at DEO. Today's presentation will provide an overview of the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program for Hurricane Michael-impacted communities, including application requirements, scoring criteria and next steps for the program.

SLIDE #2: AGENDA & GOALS FOR WEBINAR

Shumikia: Our goals for today's webinar are to provide you with more information on the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program, explain the program objectives and outline how your communities can apply for this funding. We will begin with a brief overview of the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding. We will then discuss which communities are eligible for the funding, and the guidelines and objectives of the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program. Following the explanation of those guidelines, I will review the application process and scoring criteria that will be utilized to evaluate submitted applications. Then we will discuss opportunities for how you can receive further technical assistance from the DEO team. After that we will take a few moments to answer questions. As your questions arise, please type them in the question box. As a point of information, all webinar materials will be made available on the program website. And with that, let's get started.

SLIDE #3: FLORIDA DEO: OFFICE OF DISASTER RECOVERY

Shumikia: DEO is the primary state partner of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We administer many HUD grant programs which include Community Development Block Grants. The Office of Disaster Recovery is a branch within DEO that oversees CDBG-DR funding for hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, Irma and Michael, as well as the CDBG-Mitigation 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.

SLIDE #4: CDBG-DR OVERVIEW/TIMELINE

Shumikia: As we are all well-aware, Hurricane Michael made landfall in the Florida Panhandle in October of 2018. In May of 2019, HUD announced \$448 million in CDBG-DR funding, followed by an additional \$287 million in December of that year. On January 27, 2020, HUD published the Federal Register necessary for the state of Florida to develop its federally-required Action Plan to access the funding. In February 2020, DEO hosted several public outreach meetings throughout Hurricane Michael-impacted communities and hosted a webinar to seek feedback on development of the State Action Plan. In March 2020, DEO posted an initial draft of the State Action Plan for public comment and submitted the State Action Plan to HUD on May 14, 2020, months ahead of schedule. The State Action Plan was approved by HUD on June 26, 2020 and DEO announced the launch of the Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program on August 17 and launched the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program on September 2.

SLIDE #5: MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED (MID) AREAS

Shumikia: HUD designated Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla and Washington counties as Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas. The state of Florida then designated an additional three counties, Holmes, Leon and Taylor, as the remaining MID areas. According to the guidelines set by the Federal Register, at least 80% of the allocated funds must be spent in HUD-designated MID areas, shown in green on the map. The remaining funding can be spent in state-designated MID areas, shown in blue on the map.

SLIDE #6: Rebuild Florida Programs for Hurricane Michael Recovery

Shumikia: DEO will use the allocated funding to launch five disaster recovery programs in the HUD and state-designated MID areas. The Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program, which launched on September 2, 2020, is designed to fund infrastructure restoration and improvement projects in communities impacted by Hurricane Michael. The Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program will 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. The Rebuild Florida Workforce Recovery Training Program will 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. The Rebuild Florida Housing Repair and Replacement Program will repair, replace or reconstruct homes damaged by Hurricane Michael. The Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program, launched on August 17, 2020, which is 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 MID areas are eligible to apply for funding.

SLIDE #7: Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program

Shumikia: As we previously stated, the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program application cycle opened on September 2 and the deadline to submit an application is November 30, 2020. The program has an allocation of just over \$223 million, which will be awarded in two competitive application phases. The first application cycle provides just over \$111 million in available funding, with the minimum award amount being \$250,000. DEO will use a subrecipient model to administer the grant funds to eligible applicants. Those who are eligible to apply for this funding include state agencies, counties and municipalities. Additionally, school districts, non-profit and not-for-profit organizations and non-governmental organizations may partner with a state agency, county or municipality as a co-applicant. However, DEO will maintain one subrecipient agreement with the eligible applicant. Projects must benefit HUD and State designated MID areas and HUD's national objectives of benefiting Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) persons and/or Unmet Needs must be accounted for in all project proposals. There is no local match requirement for the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program.

SLIDE #8: LMI Data

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SLIDE #9: Eligible Activities

Shumikia: To be eligible for consideration of funding, projects must align with CDBG-DR requirements and priorities as outlined in the Action Plan and the Federal Register, including but not limited to those below:

- Projects must demonstrate tie-back to Hurricane Michael.
- Projects must primarily serve Low-and Moderate Income (LMI) populations.
- Projects for infrastructure must support LMI housing or Urgent Need.
- Projects must not contain a duplication of benefits (DOB).

Applicants must also provide a detailed description of damage caused by Hurricane Michael.

Examples of eligible activities under the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program include:

- Restoration of infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Michael (including water and sewer facilities, streets, provision of generators, removal of debris, drainage, bridges, etc.);
- Repair to public facilities such as emergency community shelters;
- Demolition, rehabilitation of publicly or privately owned commercial or industrial buildings;
- Repair of homeless shelters and disaster shelter facilities
- Renourishment of dunes and or dune restoration
- Economic revitalization which includes any CDBG-DR eligible activity that demonstrably restores and improves some aspect of the local economy.

SLIDE #10: Application Scoring Criteria

Shumikia: DEO will apply a two-phased process to review applications. First, proposals must pass HUD CDBG-DR Threshold Compliance Criteria.

Second, DEO will review and score each proposal based on Scoring Criteria.

If a proposal does not meet any of the Threshold Criteria, DEO cannot proceed to score it for funding consideration.

Threshold compliance criteria include benefit LMI individuals and benefit to LMI areas. Projects or programs must also address a clear unmet need, be tied to Hurricane Michael, and primarily serve housing activities.

Once a proposal is determined to satisfy CDBG-DR's Threshold Compliance Criteria, then DEO will apply scoring based on the following Scoring Criteria for a maximum of 125 points:

1. Overall LMI Benefit: To meet this criteria, The LMI score will be determined

on the service area the project serves, in order to calculate the LMI score. The applicant should provide their LMI data for the project service area in a percentage form. For example, if the service area LMI is 65% DEO will multiply by 30 (the maximum amount of points) to receive the final LMI score of 19.5 points.

2. Stormwater Infrastructure: This includes all storm water, potable water, drainage and wastewater projects. Evacuation routes can also earn up to 5 points.

3. Project Impact: The impact of the project on the community should be significant with an emphasis on health and safety, including but not limited to: economic impact (businesses involved in design, engineering and construction; creation of jobs; savings of economic losses attributable to service interruptions, e.g. industries dependent on clean water and waterways), community resiliency, etc. On a scale of 0 to 20, 0 points should be awarded to projects with little to no impact and up to 20 points can be awarded to projects that have a significant economic or health/safety community impact.

4. Homeless Shelter and Facilities Serving as Shelters During Disasters: An applicant can score a maximum of 15 points if the project either improves or repairs an existing homeless shelter or facility that also functions as a disaster shelter for the community.

5. Management Capacity: The local entity has the capacity to complete the project and the ability to perform required maintenance.

6. Special Designation: An applicant can score a maximum of 10 points if the project:

- Is located in a Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) eligible county or community - 5 points

- Is located in an Area of State Critical Concern (see 380.05 F.S.) - 5 points

7. Leverage of Funds: CDBG-DR funds used as federal program local match - 5 points

- CDBG-DR funds used along with leveraged funds from the applicant- 5 points

8. Project Readiness: Planning is complete, and the project is ready to break ground after the completion

of a required HUD compliant environmental review or assessment and funds are available. – 10 points

- Initial planning has been completed and the procurement process is ready to begin – 5 points

SLIDE #11: Technical Assistance

Shumikia: DEO will provide one-on-one Technical Assistance (TA) calls to General Infrastructure Repair Program applicants. You may reserve a time for one-on-one TA by click on the Pick Time link provided on the slide. Please be sure to email your questions in advance to: CDBG-DRInfrastructureApp@deo.myflorida.com

SLIDE #12: Questions

Shumikia: We will now take some time to answer questions that you may have. You may submit questions by typing them in the questions box. I am joined by Gina Herron and Joseph Oglesby from DEO's Office of Disaster Recovery to assist in answering questions.