



Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Overview

Hurricane Michael

September 9, 2020



Agenda

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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 for Hurricane Michael.
 - **September 2, 2020:** Launch of Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program for Hurricane Michael.

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 Voluntary Home Buyout Program

- **Allocation:** \$27,000,000
- **Application Cycle:** August 17 – November 30, 2020
- **Maximum Award:** \$5,000,000
- **Application Type:** Subrecipient
- **Applicant Eligibility:** Counties and Municipalities
- **Geographic Eligibility:** HUD and State-Designated MID areas
- **National Objectives:** Benefit to Low - and Moderate-Income (LMI) Persons



Property Eligibility/Criteria

- Allowable costs for property buyout projects depend upon the scope of the project. The following costs associated with the buyout of hazard-prone real property and the demolition of structures are allowable:
 - Market value of the real property either at the time of sale or immediately prior to Hurricane Michael depending upon the ownership status at the time of Hurricane Michael. Fees for necessary appraisal costs, title search, title insurance, property inspection and survey, if applicable.
 - Demolition and removal of property.
 - Fees paid for environmental review services.
 - Relocation costs associated with displaced tenants under the Uniform Relocation Act.
- Each property must meet the following qualifications listed below:
 - The property is purchased from a willing, voluntary seller.
 - The property contains a structure that has been damaged or destroyed due to Hurricane Michael, or the property is in a SFHA, or a High- Risk Flood Area.
 - All compatible easements or encumbrances can and must be extinguished.
 - The property cannot be contaminated with hazardous materials at the time of buyout, other than incidental demolition or household waste.
 - The property cannot be part of a project area where there is an intention to use the property for any public or private future use inconsistent with the open space deed restrictions and FEMA acquisition requirements.
 - The property will not be subdivided prior to the buyout, except for portions outside the identified hazard area, such as within a SFHA or any risk zone identified by FEMA.
 - Properties that have received rehabilitation or repairs through the Housing Repair and Replacement Program will not be eligible for assistance under the Voluntary Home Buyout Program.



Application Scoring Criteria

- DEO will apply a two-phased process to review applications:
 - HUD CDBG-DR 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 170 points:

Scoring Criteria		Max. Score Points
1.	Management Capacity	35
2.	Project Readiness	25
3.	Cost Reasonableness	25
4.	Storm Resilience	15
5.	LMI Benefit	50
6.	Vulnerable Populations	20
Total Capacity Score:		170



Technical Assistance

- DEO will provide one-on-one Technical Assistance (TA) during the application cycle for Voluntary Home Buyout Program applicants.
- You may reserve a time for one-on-one TA by emailing: Joshua.Bradt@deo.myflorida.com



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

Email: CDBG-DR@deo.myflorida.com

