



# Rebuild Florida Workforce Recovery Training Program Overview

Hurricane Michael

October 15, 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.
  - **October 1, 2020:** Launch of Rebuild Florida Workforce Recovery Training Program for Hurricane Michael.
  - **October 5, 2020:** Launch of Rebuild Florida Technical Assistance Grant 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 Technical Assistance Grant Program** - Designed to help Fiscally Constrained Counties impacted by Hurricane Michael access Rebuild Florida’s long-term disaster recovery programs by providing assistance with application development, including project identification, project cost determination, and scope of work preparation.

# Rebuild Florida Workforce Recovery Training Program



- **Allocation:** \$8,000,000
- **Application Cycle:** October 1 – December 15, 2020
- **Maximum Award:** \$3,000,000
- **Minimum Award:** \$200,000
- **Application Type:** Subrecipient
- **Applicant Eligibility:** Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDB), Educational Institutions and Technical Centers
- **Geographic Eligibility:** Only LWDBs whose service area includes a portion of the HUD-identified MID areas and Educational Institutions and Technical Centers with physical locations within the HUD-identified MID areas
- **National Objectives:** Benefit to Low - and Moderate-Income (LMI) Persons

# Eligible Activities



The funding will be used to launch or expand training programs for construction trades including:

- Roofing
- Masonry
- Carpentry
- Concrete Finishing
- Plumbing
- HVAC
- Electricity
- Heavy Equipment Operations
- Floor Installation
- Window Installation
- Plastering
- Welding

The funding may also be used for customized training programs tailored to the specific economic revitalization needs of a community.

Additionally, projects must:

- Primarily serve LMI populations.
- Support LMI persons.
- Not duplicate benefits or supplant funds.
- Provide career services to support graduates.



# Duplication of Benefits



- CDBG-DR regulations prohibit any duplication of benefits or supplanting of funds.
- Proposed subrecipient programs must:
  - Expand an existing program above and beyond any available number of training spaces and funding available for the same purpose; OR
  - Propose a new program.
- Funds may not be used to provide scholarships for existing student pathways or to supplant any funding or training spaces currently available.
  - This includes current funding or training spaces available through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Wagner-Peyser Act, or other federal, state or local funding.
- Workforce Recovery Training Program (WRTP) funds may only be utilized after all other funds available to provided benefits or services to the participant for the same purpose have been expended.

# Understanding the Participant Application Process



- After the subrecipient selection and onboarding process is completed, DEO will open the public application period for individuals to apply to receive training through the WRTP.
- Individuals must apply using the Rebuild Florida WRTP participant application developed by DEO.
- Subrecipients will be responsible for processing these applications and determining eligibility in accordance with the eligibility criteria set by DEO.

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Subrecipients may not substitute any other application for the Rebuild Florida WRTP participant application.
- Subrecipients may request additional information from individual applicants, but additional information must not be required.
- Applicant refusal to provide additional information or any additional information obtained by a subrecipient cannot be used as grounds to deny program access and/or determine participant eligibility.
- Only the information in the Rebuild Florida WRTP participant application, including supporting documentation, may be considered for determination of an applicant's eligibility for program services and benefits.

# Application Scoring Criteria



- DEO will apply a two-phased process to review applications:
  - DEO 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 190 points:

Scoring Criteria		Max. Score Points
1.	Training Timeframe	10
2.	Services for Individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)	10
3.	Public Service	10
4.	Staffing and Capacity	20
5.	Graduate Placement	20
6.	Project Impact	20
7.	National Objective	20
8.	Support Services	20
9.	Career Services	20
10.	Workforce Training	40
Total Capacity Score:		190



# Technical Assistance

- DEO will provide Technical Assistance (TA) during the application cycle for Rebuild Florida Workforce Recovery Training Program applicants.
- You may email your questions to: [workforcerecovery@deo.myflorida.com](mailto:workforcerecovery@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](http://www.RebuildFlorida.gov)

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