



# Rebuild Florida Mitigation Funding Virtual Public Hearing

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
Office of Long-Term Resiliency

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# Agenda



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- Feedback/Questions

# Florida Department of Economic Opportunity: Office of Long-Term Resiliency



- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)'s Office of Long-Term Resiliency (OLTR), within the Division of Community Development (DCD), 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, as well as the CDBG-MIT program.
- Rebuild Florida was created to brand the state's long-term recovery efforts.

# 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-Mitigation Allocation/Timeline



- **April 2018:** Funds originally announced by HUD.
  - **Florida allocation: \$633,485,000**
- **August 30, 2019:** Federal Register notice published.
  - **FR-6109-N-02**
- Initially, 51 Florida counties were eligible for CDBG-MIT funding.
  - 2016 – 2017 presidentially declared disasters (Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew and Irma).
- **February 3, 2020:** State Action Plan submitted to HUD.
- **April 3, 2020:** HUD approved state of Florida's Action Plan for mitigation activities.
- **January 6, 2021:** Federal Register notice published.
  - FR-6239-N-01
  - Florida to receive additional \$46,926,000 in funding to support long-term mitigation efforts following Hurricane Michael

# CDBG-Mitigation Substantial Amendment Process



- To access the \$46,926,000 in CDBG-MIT funding allocated for communities impacted by Hurricane Michael, the state will need to develop a substantial amendment to the existing State Action Plan. This process will involve:
  - **Community Feedback:** In April, 2021, DEO hosted a series of community meetings and conducted a survey of stakeholders



- **Public Comment:** DEO has posted initial draft of the substantial amendment online for a 30-day public comment period.
- **Submit to HUD:** DEO will submit the substantial amendment to HUD by **July 9, 2021.**
- **HUD Review:** HUD will have 60 days to review the substantial amendment.

# CDBG-Mitigation Substantial Amendment for Hurricane Michael Timeline





# Substantial Amendment Overview

- The substantial amendment posted for public comment on May 24 includes the following elements:
  - 2018 CDBG-MIT Allocation
  - Risk-Based Needs Assessment (Flooding, Tropical Cyclones, Severe Storms, Wildfire, Coastal Erosion)
  - Eligible communities overview
  - Eligible activities overview
  - Description of program to be offered to communities



# 2018 CDBG-Mitigation Program Allocation



- \$46,926,000 Total Allocation
  - 90% of overall funding to Program Allocation: \$42,233,400
    - 50% HUD-MID Area Allocation Minimum: \$21,116,700
    - 50% LMI Designation Allocation Minimum: \$21,116,700
  - 10% of overall funding to Planning and Administrative Costs
    - Total Planning and Administration Cost of \$4,692,600

# Risk-Based Mitigation Needs Assessment



- Addresses the current and future risks identified in the most impacted and distressed areas.
- “...must quantitatively assess the 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.



# Community Lifelines

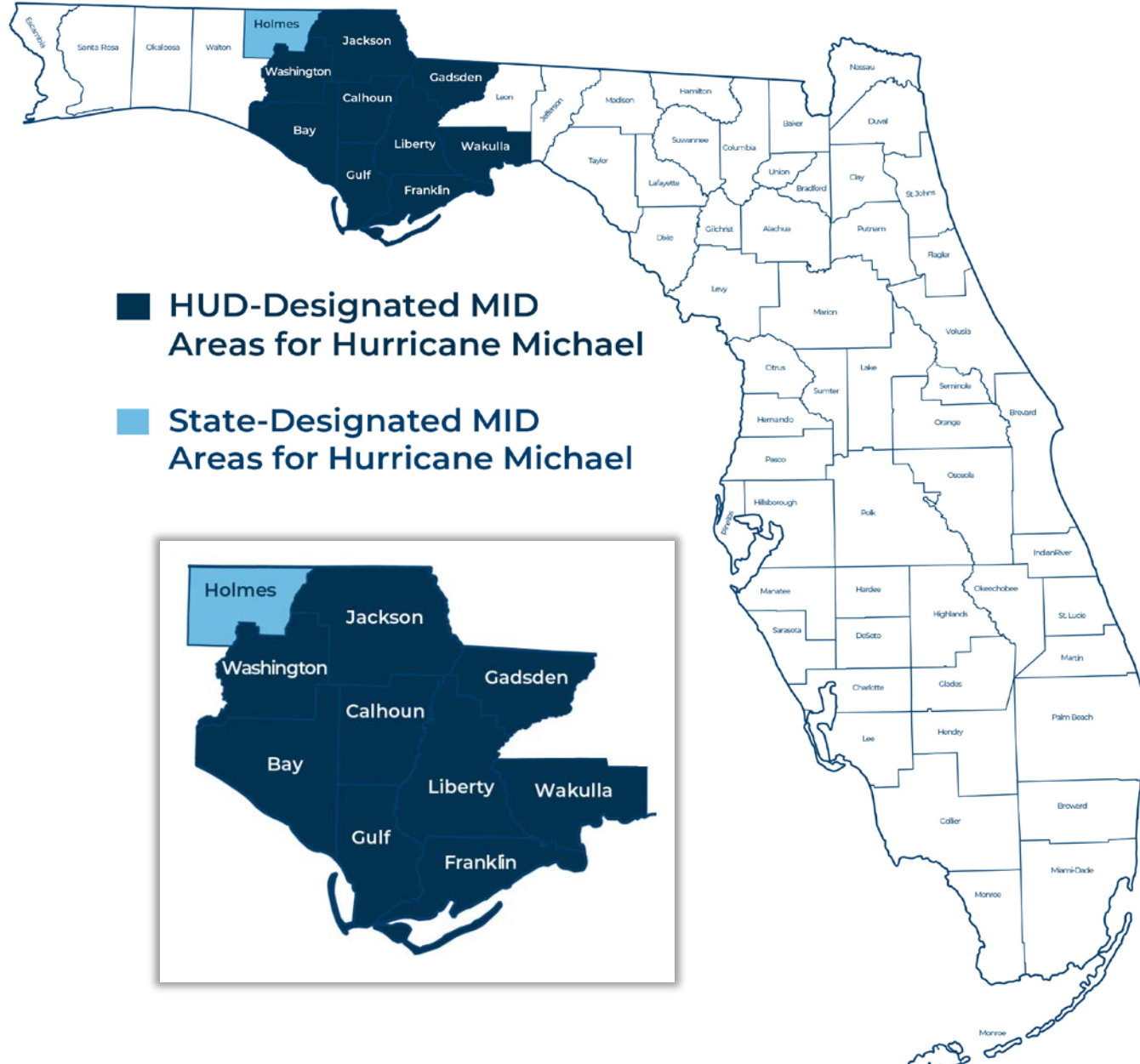
# CDBG - Mitigation

## Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Communities



# Eligible Counties

Bay  
Calhoun  
Franklin  
Gadsden  
Gulf  
Holmes  
Jackson  
Liberty  
Wakulla  
Washington





# Mitigation Infrastructure Program Overview

- To streamline program delivery, DEO will utilize the funding allocation related to 2018 declared disasters to offer one consolidated infrastructure program.
  - The program will focus on risk reduction for the hazards identified in the State Action Plan's risk-based mitigation needs assessment.
  - These hazards include flooding, severe storms, tropical cyclones, coastal erosion, and wildfires.

# Eligible Activities Overview



- The following activities will be eligible under the Mitigation Infrastructure Program:
  - Upgrading of water, sewer, solid waste, communications, energy, transportation, health and medical and other public infrastructure projects.
  - Hardening of critical buildings that serve a public safety purpose for local communities.
  - Hardening and energy resiliency projects that help ensure that the most critical facilities in Florida communities have access to power throughout and following an emergency when local sources of power are down.

# CDBG-Mitigation Timeline



## PHASE 1

### Substantial Amendment Development

- Draft Action Plan
- Community Partner Outreach
- **Public Comment Period**
- Submit Action Plan to HUD

## PHASE 2

### Program Design

- Activate Citizen Advisory Committee
- Develop Policies and Procedures
- Design Application for Programs
- Develop Scoring Criteria

## PHASE 3

### Application Cycle

- Open Application Cycle
- Applicant Technical Assistance
- Score Applications
- Announce Awards

## PHASE 4

### Program Implementation

- Award Funding
- Execute Grant Agreements
- Technical Assistance
- Monitoring

Ongoing Stakeholder Outreach

# Substantial Amendment Content



- A comprehensive description of the changes included in the Substantial Amendment to the CDBG-Mitigation State Action Plan is included on pages ii through xii in the draft of the Substantial Amendment, located on the Rebuild Florida Mitigation Program webpage at [RebuildFlorida.gov](https://RebuildFlorida.gov)



# How to submit a public comment



- The Substantial Amendment to the State Action Plan for Mitigation has been posted on the Mitigation Program page at [RebuildFlorida.gov](https://RebuildFlorida.gov)
- Interested parties are encouraged to submit their comments using the online Public Comment Form, available in the program webpage.
  - Instructions for submitting a public comment by mail are also available on the webpage.
- Comments must be submitted via the online form must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.
  - Comments submitted by mail must be postmarked on or before June 23, 2021.

## Public Comment Form

The image displays two versions of the public comment form. The desktop version on the left features the logos for Rebuild Florida and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the top. The title is "State Action Plan for Mitigation – Substantial Amendment Public Comment Submission Form". The text reads: "Welcome. Thank you for your interest in providing a public comment." followed by "If you would like to be included in future communications related to CDBG-MIT programs, please enter your contact information below. If you prefer to remain anonymous, you may leave these fields blank and continue to the survey." Below this are three input fields labeled "Name", "Email", and "Organization". A blue arrow button is located at the bottom right of the form.

The mobile version on the right is a smaller-scale version of the same form, showing the same content and layout adapted for a smartphone screen. It includes the time "12:29" at the top left and a blue arrow button at the bottom right.

# Comments/Questions



To learn more about the Rebuild Florida mitigation programs, please visit: [RebuildFlorida.gov](https://RebuildFlorida.gov)

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