



## Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program

*Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
Office of Disaster Recovery*



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# Introduction

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- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)'s Office of Disaster Recovery supports long-term recovery housing, infrastructure and economic development needs 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.
- Launched in September 2018, 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.
- DEO is currently administering long-term recovery programs for Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew and Irma.
- DEO is also preparing to administer funds for Hurricane Michael recovery.

# Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program Overview/Timeline

## Round I

- **November 2017:** HUD announced an initial allocation of CDBG-DR funding to support long-term recovery efforts from Hurricane Irma.
- **July 2019:** Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program launched with more than \$85 million in CDBG-DR funding for infrastructure restoration and improvement projects in communities impacted by Hurricane Irma.
- **January 2020:** Awards for the first application cycle of the Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program were announced.
  - Awards totaling more than \$84 million were announced for 21 applicants.

## Round II

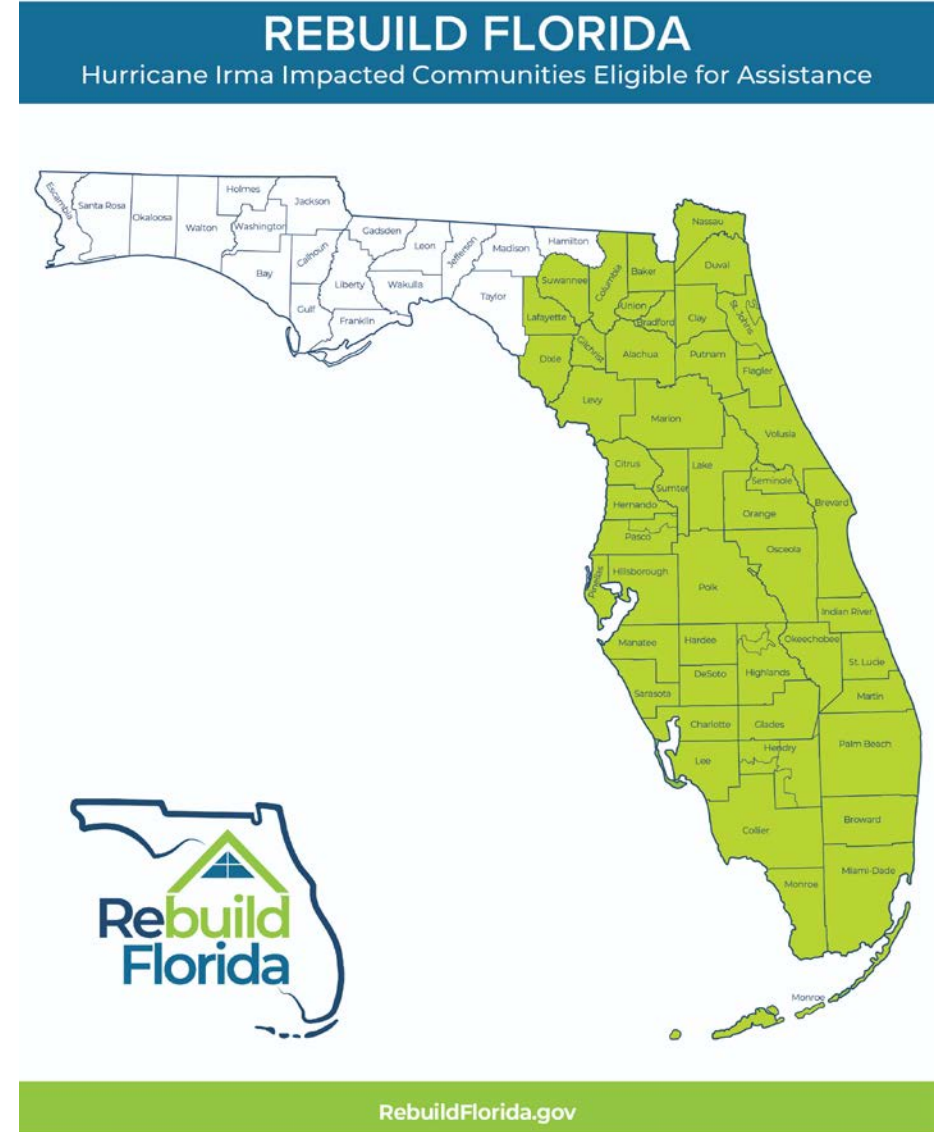
- DEO allocated an additional \$100,229,945 in CDBG-DR funding to the program.
- **March 28, 2020:** Application submission cycle opened for the additional \$100,229,945.
- **June 30, 2020:** Deadline for communities to submit applications.

# Eligible Entities

- Units of General Local Government (UGLG) including counties, cities, municipalities, water management districts and water authorities located in the eligible areas that experienced storm damage are eligible to apply for funding.
- Eligible applicants in the counties shown below may apply for funding based on the terms and conditions in this application:

**Eligible Counties that Experienced Storm Damage**

Alachua	Collier	Hardee	Lee	Okeechobee	Sarasota
Baker	Columbia	Hendry	Levy	Orange	Seminole
Bradford	DeSoto	Hernando	Manatee	Osceola	St. Johns
Brevard	Dixie	Highlands	Marion	Palm Beach	St. Lucie
Broward	Duval	Hillsborough	Martin	Pasco	Sumter
Charlotte	Flagler	Indian River	Miami- Dade	Pinellas	Suwannee
Citrus	Gilchrist	Lafayette	Monroe	Polk	Union
Clay	Glades	Lake	Nassau	Putnam	Volusia



# Funding Eligibility

- To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must propose projects that meet the requirements established in the State Action Plan and Federal Register, including, but not limited to:
  - Projects must demonstrate tie-back to Irma.
  - Projects must primarily serve Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) populations.
  - Projects for infrastructure must support LMI housing.
  - Projects must not contain a Duplication of Benefits (DOB).
- Applicants must provide a detailed description of damage caused by Hurricane Irma.
- Applications should include plans to mitigate against future damage and show how the proposed project will make the community more resilient in the future.
- Projects requesting funds for damage caused by deferred maintenance will not be considered.
- Each project must request a minimum of \$500,000 in funding and there is no maximum level of funding that an eligible applicant can request.

# Eligible Activities

Examples of eligible activities include:

- Restoration of infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Irma (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;
- Economic revitalization which includes any CDBG-DR eligible activity that demonstrably restores and improves some aspect of the local economy.
- Projects involving water and sewer facilities will be eligible for 10 points during the scoring process, as these have been identified as areas of critical importance.

# Application Process

- The application submission cycle opened on March 30, 2020 and remains open until June 30, 2020.
- The application has **seven (7) parts** that applicants must complete for a full submission:
  1. **Cover Letter**
  2. **Applicant Information Form**
  3. **Proposal Information Form**
  4. **Budget**
  5. **Service Area Map**
  6. **Work Plan**
  7. **Organizational Chart and Schedule of Team Roles**
- All program documents, including samples of a completed budget and work plan are available on the program [webpage](#).
- Completed applications must be submitted to DEO by email to [CDBG-DRInfrastructureApp@deo.myflorida.com](mailto:CDBG-DRInfrastructureApp@deo.myflorida.com) **AND** mailed to:

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
Office of Disaster Recovery  
Attention: Gina Herron  
The Caldwell Building  
107 East Madison Street, MSC-400  
Tallahassee, FL 32399
- **Please submit one project for each application.**



# Threshold Compliance Criteria

- DEO will apply a two-phased process to review applications. First, proposals must pass HUD CDBG-DR Threshold Compliance Criteria, which include:
  1. **Projects must meet a CDBG-DR National Objective** such as benefit to LMI individuals, benefit to LMI areas, or address an urgent need.
  2. **Projects must be considered as CDBG-DR Eligible Activities.**
  3. **Projects or programs must address a clear unmet need**, including tie-back to Hurricane Irma, primarily serving LMI populations, and primarily serving housing activities.

# Application Scoring Criteria

- Once a proposal is determined to satisfy HUD's CDBG-DR Threshold Compliance Criteria, then DEO will apply scoring based on the following Scoring Criteria.
- The maximum Scoring Criteria score is **105**.
- Scoring will focus on the following categories:

Scoring Criteria		Max. Score Points
1.	Overall Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Benefits	30
2.	Project Readiness	25
3.	Management Capacity	15
4.	Project Nature	10
5.	Special Designation	10
6.	Project Impact	15
Total Capacity Score:		<b>105</b>

# Summary of Application Cycle-Two Updates

- Applicants may only submit one project per application, but eligible applicants may submit multiple project applications.
- Requests must be for a **minimum** of \$500,000 per project.
- When preparing a budget, please include a cost reasonable estimate for all administrative costs associated with the proposed project.
- Due to COVID-19, we are **amending the public meeting requirements**. UGLGs can still receive public input on their infrastructure application by following these new meeting formats:
  - Posting information about the project online
  - Host virtual public meetings
- DEO will take questions about the Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program throughout the application cycle and post responses on the Rebuild Florida webpage. Please email any questions to [CDBG-DRInfrastructureApp@deo.myflorida.com](mailto:CDBG-DRInfrastructureApp@deo.myflorida.com)

# Learn More

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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