



# Rebuild Florida Disaster Recovery Funding for Hurricane Sally

*Virtual Public Hearing*

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
Office of Long-Term Resiliency

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# Agenda



- Introduction
- Office of Long-Term Resiliency (OLTR) Overview
- Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Overview
- State Action Plan Overview
  - Substantial Amendment Process
  - 2022 CDBG-DR Program Overview
  - How to Submit a Public Comment
- Feedback/Questions

# Hurricane Sally



- Hurricane Sally, a Category 2 hurricane, made landfall on September 16, 2020, in Gulf Shores, Alabama, west of Pensacola, Florida.
- Hurricane Sally moved slowly across the Gulf Coast, bringing winds, storm surge, and excessive rainfall causing extensive damage across the Florida Panhandle. Thousands of structures were damaged in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, and approximately 50 structures were destroyed. A study from the University of Florida estimates that Hurricane Sally caused \$55–100 million in agricultural losses in the western Florida Panhandle.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) will receive \$187,383,000 in funding to support long-term recovery efforts following Hurricane Sally through DEO's OLTR. CDBG-DR funding is designed to address needs that remain after all other assistance has been exhausted.

# OLTR Overview



- The DEO's OLTR 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 HUD 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.

# CDBG-DR Funding

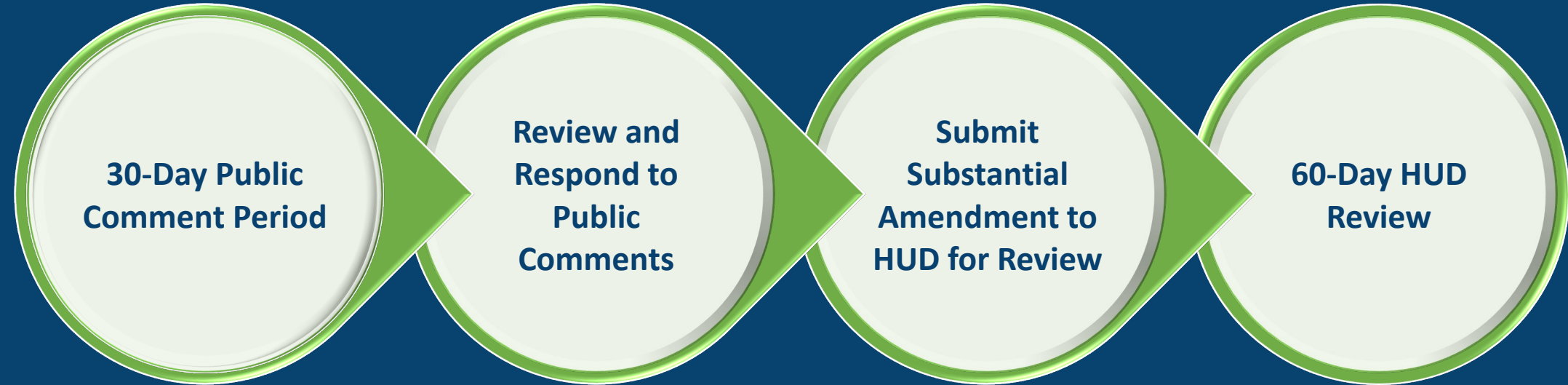


- HUD's CDBG-DR funding is designed to address long-term recovery needs after other assistance has been exhausted, including federal assistance and private insurance.
- CDBG-DR recovery activities typically begin between 12-18 months after a disaster.



- **State Declares Disaster/State and Other Assistance**
- **President Declares Disaster/Florida Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Small Business Administration Assistance**
- **Congress Votes on Funding Package**
- **President Signs into Law**
- **U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development Publishes Administrative Rules in Federal Register/CDBG-DR Assistance**

# CDBG-DR State Action Plan for Hurricane Sally



May 6 to June 6, 2022

May 6 to June 7, 2022

By June 8, 2022

By August 7, 2022





# State Action Plan Overview

- The Draft Action Plan posted for public comment on May 6, 2022, includes the following:
  - 2022 CDBG-DR Allocation
  - Disaster Recovery Needs Assessment
  - 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

# Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas



- At least 80 percent of funds must be spent in HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas.
- The HUD-MID areas include Escambia County, 32583 (Santa Rosa) ZIP code, and the municipalities within Santa Rosa County.
- Remaining 20 percent of funds can be spent in State-designated MID areas.
- The State-designated MID areas include Bay, Okaloosa, and Walton counties.
- At least 70 percent of spending must benefit low-and moderate-income (LMI) communities.
- The State has six years to expend all CDBG-DR funds.



# Eligible Activities Overview



- To be eligible for funding, entities and counties must propose projects that meet the state action plan and Federal Register requirements, including, but not limited to:
  - ✓ Projects that primarily serve Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) populations.
  - ✓ Projects for infrastructure that support LMI housing or meet an urgent need.
  - ✓ Projects must not duplicate benefits.
  - ✓ Activities funded by the CDBG-DR mitigation set-aside do not require a “tie-back” to the specific qualified disaster that has served as the basis for the grantee’s allocation.
  - ✓ Grantees must demonstrate that mitigation activities funded:
    - ✓ Meet the definition of mitigation activities;
    - ✓ Address the current and future risks as identified in the grantee’s mitigation needs;
    - ✓ Be CDBG-eligible activities under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA); and
    - ✓ Meet a National Objective.

# Eligible Activities Overview Continued



- Once requirements are met, eligible activities include:
  - ✓ **Restoration** – Infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Sally.
  - ✓ **Creation** – Public facilities such as emergency community shelters.
  - ✓ **Demolition** – Rehabilitation of publicly or privately owned commercial or industrial buildings.
  - ✓ **Economic Revitalization** – Includes any CDBG-DR eligible activity that directly restores and improves some aspect of the local economy.

# CDBG-DR Timeline for Hurricane Sally



## PHASE 1

### Action Plan Development

- Draft Action Plan
- Facilitate Community Outreach and Engagement
- Hold Public Comment Period
- Submit Action Plan to HUD

## PHASE 2

### Program Design

- Develop Policies and Procedures
- Design Applications for Programs
- Develop Scoring Criteria

## PHASE 3

### Application Cycle

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

## PHASE 4

### Program Implementation

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

Ongoing Stakeholder Outreach

# How to Submit a Public Comment



- The State Action Plan for Hurricane Sally has been posted on the Hurricane Sally webpage at [RebuildFlorida.gov/HurricaneSally](https://RebuildFlorida.gov/HurricaneSally).
- Interested parties are encouraged to submit their comments using the online Public Comment Form, available on the program's webpage.
  - Instructions for submitting a public comment by email or postal mail are also available on the webpage.
- Comments submitted through the online form or email must be submitted by 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on Monday, June 6, 2022.
  - Comments submitted by mail must be postmarked on or before June 6, 2022.

## Public Comment Form

The image shows a desktop and mobile version of the public comment form. The desktop version features the DEO logo (Florida Department of Economic Opportunity) and a thank-you message. Below the message are input fields for Name, Email, Organization, and Comment(s), followed by a 'Submit Comments' button. The mobile version shows the same form adapted for a smartphone screen, with a 'Submit Comments' button at the bottom and a 'Powered by Qualtrics' note.

# Comments/Questions



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