Rebuild Florida Technical Assistance Grant Program Overview

Hurricane Michael

October 20, 2020
Agenda

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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 CDBG-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 Technical Assistance Grant Program

- **Allocation:** $1,000,000

- **Application Cycle:** October 5 – *until funds are exhausted*

- **Maximum Award:** $100,000

- **Application Type:** Contractor

- **Applicant Eligibility:** Local governments and municipalities

- **Geographic Eligibility:** Entities within the HUD or State-Designated MID areas and classified as a Fiscally Constrained County. These counties include:
  - Calhoun
  - Franklin
  - Gadsden
  - Gulf
  - Holmes
  - Jackson
  - Liberty
  - Taylor
  - Wakulla
  - Washington
Eligible Activities

Grant requests may be submitted by eligible entities to receive Technical Assistance in preparing applications for the following Rebuild Florida programs:

- Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program
- Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program
- Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program
- Use of CDBG-DR funds as HMGP Match
The order of events for the Rebuild Florida Technical Assistance Grant Program are shown below:

1. Applicant submits an application to receive TA
2. DEO reviews application for eligibility
3. TA Vendor receives application
4. TA Vendor coordinates with applicant develops a SOW and cost estimate for the project
5. DEO reviews and approves SOW and cost estimate and authorizes TA vendor begin TA
6. TA vendor provides assistance to applicant

Rebuild Florida Program Application Cycles
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:

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