**Notice of Funding Availability**

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has supplemental U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) funds (de-obligated/un-obligated) available under the **Z grant** (HUD, Docket No. FR-5051-N-01, Federal Register/Volume 71, Number 29), **A grant** (HUD, Docket No. FR-5089-N-01, Federal Register/Volume 71, Number 209), and **K/DREF grant** (HUD, Docket No. FR-5256-N-01, Federal Register/Volume 74, Number 29 and Docket No. FR-5337-N-01, Federal Register/Volume 74, Number 156).

DEO has identified approximately $1.5 million available in de-obligated and un-obligated DRI funds from three funding sources. Applicants will only be eligible for funding previously received. The breakdown in the three funding sources is as follows:

 Z Grant $ 615,000

 A Grant $ 135,000

 K/DREF Grant $ 750,000

 **TOTAL $1,500,000**

In addition, DEO believes that based upon the *2013 Rental Market Study: Affordable Housing Needs*[[1]](#footnote-1), there is a documented need for multi-family housing in the State of Florida and preference will be given to multi-family housing projects. To participate in this round of funding, a local government must meet the following criteria:

1. Awarded CDBG-Disaster Recovery Initiative funds by DEO from at least one (1) of the three (3) Z, A, and/or K rounds of funding;
2. Submit one prospective project that meets at least one of the three national objectives, defined by HUD;
3. Demonstrated capacity to administer additional funds with current workload;
4. The current open DRI grant is either on-schedule for completion or is in the grant closeout process (Administrative or Final Closed) as defined in Chapter 73C-23, Florida Administrative Code;
5. There are no unresolved outstanding Findings or Concerns from the Department in any open CDBG grant;
6. Demonstrate the ability to secure any additional necessary project funding (leverage) and to complete the proposed project by no later than December 31, 2015;
7. 30% or more of all renter households in the applying county or city experiencing a housing cost burden (greater than 40% of income); and
8. Preference will be given to applications that are continuation projects of existing DRI projects.

An application workshop conference call will be held on **August 12, 2014** at 10:00 a.m. E.S.T. The dial in information is 1-888-670-3525, pass code 744-267-2185#. The application cycle for the above-mentioned funding will begin (“open”) on **August 25 2014**, and end (“close”) at 5:00 p.m. EST on **September 15, 2014**, (“the deadline date”). Applications must be submitted on the forms that are available on DEO’s website under “Supplemental Disaster Recovery Funding” or <http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/assistance-for-governments-and-organizations/disaster-recovery-initiative/technical-assistance> and must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on September 15, 2014. Mailing address: The Department of Economic Opportunity, The Caldwell Building, Disaster Recovery Initiative Section, 107 East Madison Street – MSC 400, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6508. Hand-delivered applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on September 15, 2014, at The Department of Economic Opportunity, Disaster Recovery Initiative Section, currently located at the Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 255, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. An electronic copy of the application in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format can be submitted at the email address below as the second copy of the application, as long as one complete hard copy with original signatures is submitted.

If you have questions, please contact Monique Kabitzke, Planning Manager, at (850) 717-8427 or by email at monique.kabitzke@deo.myflorida.com.

1. <http://www.shimberg.ufl.edu/publications/Full_RMS_Needs.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)