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60	59	Projects and Activities	Updated Method of Distribution table to reflect a reallocation of \$3,684,510 in funds from “General Housing Activities” to “Non-Housing or Additional Housing”
61	60	Projects and Activities	Updated Program Budget table to reflect a reallocation of \$3,684,510 in funds from 20% MIDs “General Housing Activities” to 20% MIDs “Non-Housing or Additional Housing” and updated the “General Housing Activities” and “Non-Housing or Additional Housing” totals accordingly.
		Entire Document	<p>As of July 1, 2023, and per Florida HB 5, ch. 2023-173, L.O.F. the former Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has been renamed the Florida Department of Commerce, referred to as “FloridaCommerce.”</p> <p>To reflect this change, all references to the former Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (including “the Department” and “DEO”) have been updated to represent FloridaCommerce. Associated branding (including logos, fonts, and colors) has been updated throughout the document.</p>

- 11. Nassau
- 12. Pasco
- 13. Pinellas
- 14. Putnam
- 15. Seminole
- 16. St. Johns
- 17. Volusia

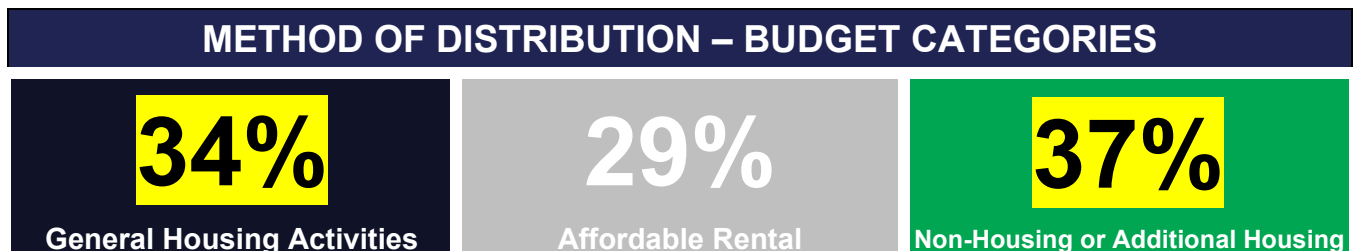
In many of these communities it will be difficult, if not impossible to delineate impacts from these three distinct storms. Therefore, in the communities listed above, Florida will consider any eligible projects that address unmet need from Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, or Irma. As with all proposed projects, communities will have to document that there will be no duplication of benefits. This is especially important in areas that may receive additional federal assistance to address Irma-related impacts.

3.1.2 BASIS FOR ALLOCATIONS

In consideration of the Unmet Needs Assessment and HUD requirements, in order to prioritize limited funding in areas with highest damage, FloridaCommerce disaster recovery program assistance outlined in this Action Plan will be limited to counties (and cities within those counties) that received FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) declarations in addition to their Public Assistance (PA) declaration. Program thresholds outlined in Section 16 state that projects or programs must primarily support LMI housing.

The Unmet Needs Analysis identified that approximately 68 percent of the Unmet Need is in the housing sector, 25 percent in infrastructure, and the remainder in the economic sector. The MOD budget categories are closely aligned with the Unmet Needs Analysis, with approximately 66 percent of the funds allocated towards housing (37 percent General Housing and 29 percent Affordable Rental). Approximately 34 percent of program funds may be used for infrastructure in support of LMI housing, economic recovery, or other eligible activities, including additional housing needs.

Updated needs assessment continues to support the percentages listed above regarding allocation of funds to support remaining unmet needs.



3.2 PROGRAM BUDGET

FloridaCommerce is the lead agency and responsible entity for administering \$117,937,000 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds allocated to the state for recovery. In accordance with the Register, FloridaCommerce’s aggregate total for indirect costs, and administrative and technical assistance expenditures will not exceed five percent of the total grant (\$5,896,850) plus program income. FloridaCommerce will limit spending to a maximum of 20 percent of its total grant amount on a combination of planning, and indirect and program administration costs. Planning costs subject to the 20 percent cap are those defined in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(12). State and local administration are capped at 5 percent in aggregate by federal regulations. The state may provide additional guidance to jurisdictions through the application process regarding the amount of administrative funds available to awardees. Eligible project delivery costs are presumed included in the grant award amounts, as applicable.

The program budget is outlined as follows:

Program Budget				
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS/SUPPORT	GENERAL HOUSING ACTIVITIES	AFFORDABLE RENTAL ¹	NON-HOUSING OR ADDITIONAL HOUSING	SUB-TOTAL
80% HUD Defined Most Impacted and Distressed (MID)	\$28,900,000	\$32,000,000	\$28,732,120	\$89,632,120
20% Other Most Impacted and Distressed (MID)	\$8,783,036.33	\$0	13,370,458.67	\$22,153,495
State & Local Administration ²				\$5,896,850
Planning				\$254,535
TOTAL	\$37,683,036.33	\$32,000,000	\$42,102,578.67	\$117,937,000

Jurisdictions from each of the budget areas (80 percent MID or 20 percent MID) will select projects to propose to FloridaCommerce for funding in accordance with FloridaCommerce thresholds and criteria. FloridaCommerce will execute contracts with awarded jurisdictions, including municipalities within counties that receive a separate award. In other words, municipalities may apply directly to FloridaCommerce and will be contracted with directly, if awarded.

Non-entitlement municipalities may choose to submit projects to FloridaCommerce through their county. In these instances, the partnering jurisdictions must submit an executed agreement to FloridaCommerce with their application. The county will be the awardee and no further pass-through will be allowed. FloridaCommerce may consider requests from entitlement jurisdictions to apply through their county for efficiency or capacity purposes, however the county will be the awardee and no further pass-through will be allowed.

FloridaCommerce will implement program management, monitoring, and oversight standards necessary to ensure compliance with state and federal requirements.

3.3 PROGRAM DETAILS

3.3.1 ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Units of General Local Government, referred to as jurisdictions throughout this Action Plan, will select projects or programs to propose to FloridaCommerce for funding in accordance with FloridaCommerce thresholds and objectives. These thresholds are:

- Projects must demonstrate tie-back to the hurricane event (Hermine or Matthew).
- Projects must not duplicate benefits.

FloridaCommerce will also consider to what extent proposed projects or programs support the following objectives:

- Projects must primarily address unmet housing needs.
- Projects must primarily serve LMI populations.
- Projects for infrastructure must support LMI housing.

¹ Affordable rental projects have tenant income requirements and rent restrictions in order to qualify.

² State and local administration are capped at 5% in aggregate by federal regulations. The State may provide additional guidance to jurisdictions through the application process regarding the amount of administrative funds available to awardees. Eligible project delivery costs are presumed included in the grant award amounts, as applicable