

Mitigation Program for Public Housing Authorities
CDBG Disaster Recovery Program
\$10,300,000

Applicant Eligibility: An Applicant must be a Public Housing Authority created pursuant to Chapter 421, Florida Statutes and the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The Applicant must be in good standing with HUD prior to applying for funding from the Department.

Public Housing Authorities located in any one of the following counties may apply for funding: **Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, Sarasota and St. Lucie.**

Eligible Activities:

1. Improving the strength of the roof deck attachment. For example, if the roof consists of shingles nailed to plywood sheets, the inspection may reveal that the plywood sheets are not adequately nailed to the roof trusses, and that additional nails and/or longer nails need to be added to prevent the plywood from being blown off in a hurricane.
2. Creating a secondary water barrier to prevent water intrusion. For example, using strips of “peel and stick-on” material that cover the joints between the plywood sheets can reduce leakage if a hurricane blows off the roof shingles.
3. Improving the survivability of the roof covering. For example, upgrading to thicker and stronger hurricane-resistant roof shingles, attached with properly sized and properly applied roofing nails, to reduce the susceptibility of the roof shingles blowing off in a hurricane.
4. Bracing gable-ends in the roof framing. This is usually done inside the attic to decrease chances that the roof will collapse under hurricane wind loads.
5. Reinforcing roof-to-wall connections. For example, installing metal tie-down straps that attach roof rafters to wall studs to decrease chances that all or a portion of the roof will simply lift the house during a hurricane.
6. Upgrading exterior wall opening protections. For example, installing hurricane-rated window shutters.
7. Upgrading exterior doors and windows. For example, replacing a standard garage door with a hurricane-rated garage door.

Qualified Units: Units eligible for assistance are those that are actual public housing units as well as affordable units that are owned by Public Housing Authorities. However, all assisted units must be occupied by households with incomes not exceeding 80 percent of the area median income (AMI).

Available Funding: The total funding available through this program is \$10,300,000. Each eligible Public Housing Authority is limited to one application submission. Applicants may request funding up to a maximum of \$750,000 based on estimated costs.

However, the Department will only reimburse expenditures based on actual costs which have to be supported with the appropriate documentation.

Application Evaluation Criteria: All applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria and scoring methodology:

1. If at least 50% of the total units assisted will benefit households with incomes at or below 30% of the county's median income **(15 points)**
2. If the Public Housing Authority is located in a county with Wilma damages greater than \$100,000,000 **(10 points)**
3. Elders/Persons with a Disability:
 - a. If at least 25% of the units that will be assisted are currently occupied by elders or persons with a disability **(10 points)**
 - b. If more than 25% but less than 50% of the units that will be assisted are currently occupied by elders or person with a disability **(15 points)**
 - c. If 50% or greater of the units that will be assisted are currently occupied by elders or person with a disability **(20 points)**

**Supporting documentation will be required to verify that each assisted unit is currently occupied by someone who meets the HUD definition of "elderly." Also, if claiming points for a person with a disability, documentation from a physician will be required as justification.

4. If at least 75% of the assisted units will receive storm-resistant replacement windows and doors **(25 points)**
5. Age of Public Housing: If at least 50% of the assisted units are: **(choose only one)**
 - a. 50 years or older **(20 points)**
 - b. Less than 50 years old but more than 25 years old **(15 points)**
 - c. 25 years old or less **(10 points)**

** Supporting documentation will need to be submitted in order to verify the age of the units which should be based on the year the initial construction of the unit was completed.

6. Management of public housing units (choose only one)
 - a. If the Public Housing Authority manages 300 units or fewer **(5 points)**
 - b. If the Public Housing Authority manages fewer than 500 units but more than 300 units **(10 points)**
 - c. If the Public Housing authority manages 500 units or more **(15 points)**
7. A Letter of Support from the local government for which the Public Housing Authority is affiliated **(5 points)**
8. Experience in Managing Federal Programs: The Applicant will receive five **(5 points)** for every federal program that is currently managed by the PHA up to a maximum of 25 points. The Applicant will be required to document the federal

programs they are responsible for administering, outline the compliance measures for each program and indicate the number of years that they have managed each program.

9. Long-term Affordability: If the assisted units will remain affordable for:
 - a. At least 15 years (5 points)
 - b. More than 15 years but less than 30 years (10 points)
 - c. 30 years or more (15 points)

9. **Tie-Breaker:** Lowest average cost per assisted unit