



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - April 30, 2025

Orange County Government received \$219 million in federal disaster recovery funding (CDBG-DR funds) to help communities in hard-hit areas recover from Hurricane Ian. In January 2025, it was announced that the County will receive an additional allocation of \$33 million to address the remaining needs resulting from Hurricane Milton.

Orange County aims to provide our residents and community partners with the most up to date information as the County moves forward with its implementation of the CDBG-DR programs. We encourage you to share this newsletter with your friends, family, colleagues, and anyone else who, you believe, might benefit from this information.

Please visit our website at www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR for more information about the CDBG-DR Program, timeline, and other related information.



Orange County Recovers

Was your home damaged by Hurricane Ian?



Orange County's CDBG-DR Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction program, Orange County Recovers, is open and actively accepting applications. To date, over 150 applications have been received! Case managers are working tirelessly to review all applications and determine eligibility.

If you or someone you know experienced damage from Hurricane Ian and have remaining unmet needs, please apply at OrangeCountyRecovers.com or call 321-382-3514.

Next Steps

Once your application has been completed and eligibility has been determined, the next steps are as follows:

- Damage assessments
- Scope of work determination
- Environmental review
- Contractor assignment
- Begin Construction

REMINDER: You can always check your application status online or call 321-382-3514.

General Contractor Solicitation

On April 11, 2025, the County's vendor, HORNE LLP, began requesting proposals from highly qualified construction contractors to perform demolition, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and/or elevation of single-family residential structures and replacement of Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs) in compliance with local, federal and state statutory requirements for grants under the CDBG-DR program for 2022 Hurricane Ian. For more information, please visit:

<https://orangecountyrecovers.com/general-contractors/>

Solicitation Timeline

Issue Solicitation	April 22, 2025
Deadline for Questions	April 25, 2025, 5:00 PM EST
Deadline for Submission Responses	May 23, 2025 PM EST

Public Notices

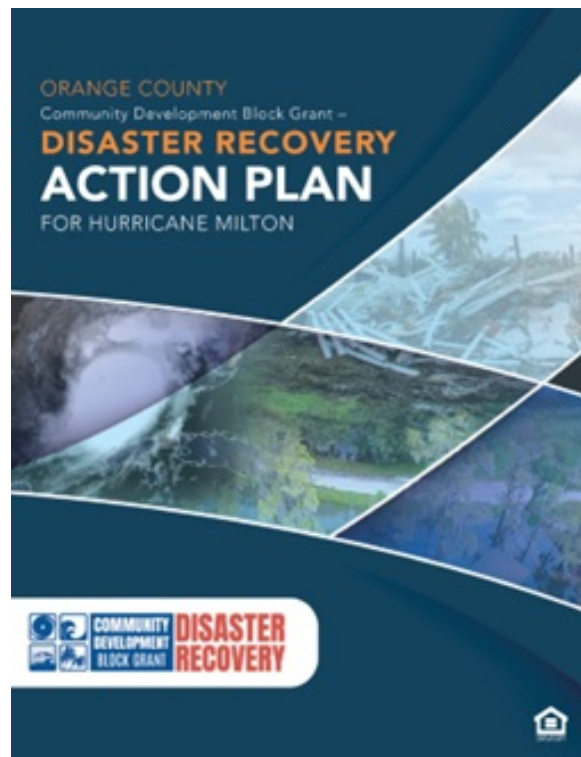
Hurricane Milton Action Plan Open for Public Comments

The Orange County CDBG-DR Action Plan for Hurricane Milton is available for review by the public. The Action Plan summarizes unmet needs in areas of infrastructure, public facilities, mitigation, housing and economic development related to the long term recovery from the effects of Hurricane Milton. The Plan also summarizes strategies and activities to meet those needs using \$33,357,000 in federal funding from the Department of HUD. The Plan includes the proposed budget for the CDBG-DR Program that was developed based on the unmet and mitigation needs analysis and community input solicited through a variety of citizen engagement and outreach initiatives.

Public comments will be accepted through Thursday, May 15, 2025. Comments about the CDBG-DR Action Plan may be submitted in writing during the public comment period via email (disaster.recovery@ocfl.net) or by mail as follows:

Housing and Community Development Division
Attn: CDBG-DR Action Plan – Public Comments
525 E. South Street, Orlando, Florida 32801

Additionally, a public hearing on the CDBG-DR Action Plan will be conducted by the Board of County Commissioners on May 20, 2025.



Tier I Environmental Review

Orange County intends to adopt the HUD addendum to the FEMA programmatic agreement which will facilitate environmental review compliance for CDBG-DR projects administered by the County. Please click [HERE](#) to view the public notice.

Written comments or inquiries may be submitted during the public comment period via email to Inalbert Ramos at Inalbert.Ramos@ocfl.net on or before May 17, 2025.

CDBG-DR Timeline

The full updated CDBG-DR timeline can be found here: www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR.

Hurricane Ian

- **January 9, 2024:** BCC public hearing for the CDBG-DR Action Plan. Please click [HERE](#) to view the public hearing recording.
- **January 17, 2024:** Orange County submitted the final CDBG-DR Action Plan to HUD for review and approval. Please click [HERE](#) for the final CDBG-DR Action Plan.
- **April 9, 2024:** Grant Agreement for CDBG-DR funds executed between Orange County and HUD.
- **June 17, 2024:** Orange County CDBG-DR Final Public and DRGR Action Plan was reviewed and approved by HUD.
- **Summer 2024:** Program policies and procedures are being developed for the Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs.
- **December 5 & 8 2024:** Notice of Funding Availability was posted for the CDBG-DR Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs.
- **December 10, 2024:** Request for Applications (RFA) for Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs opened.
- **December 11, 2024:** Mandatory Pre-Award Technical Assistance workshops held on the RFA process.
- **January 6, 2025:** The CDBG-DR General Grant Management Services contract was issued.
- **February 5, 2025:** RFAs for Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning Studies programs to close.
- **March 4, 2025:** RFA for the Public Services program opened for qualified non-profit organizations.
- **March 5, 2025:** Applications for the Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction program opened.
- **March 13, 2025:** Mandatory Pre-Award Technical Assistance Workshop for Public Services RFA.
- **April 2, 2025:** RFA for the Public Services program will close.
- **April 11, 2025:** Request for Proposals for general contractors to open.
- **Summer 2025 (Tentative):** 2nd RFA under the Infrastructure & Public Facilities Program to open for non-profit organizations.

Hurricane Milton

- **April 15, 2025:** Draft Hurricane Milton Action Plan posted for public comment.
- **May 15, 2025:** Public comment period for the Hurricane Milton Action Plan to close.
- **May 20, 2025:** Public hearing for the Hurricane Milton Action Plan will be conducted by the BCC.

More information will be available in our next newsletter, coming soon!

Stay Tuned!

Help us spread the word about CDBG-DR

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Questions? Thoughts? Suggestions?

**We are here to help! Contact us here:
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