

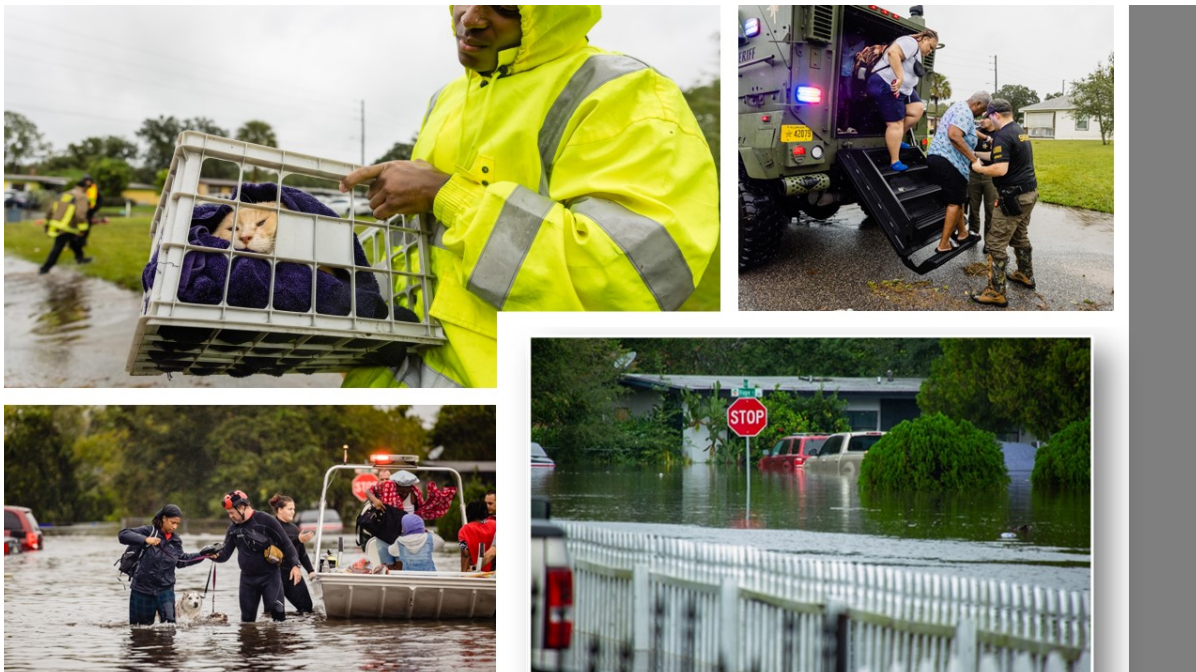


## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - December 31, 2024

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. 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.

To achieve this, a monthly newsletter containing the latest CDBG-DR program updates will be released on the last calendar day of each month. This newsletter will be made available online via MailChimp. 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](http://www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR) for more information about the CDBG-DR Program, timeline, and other related information.



## End of Year Wrap-Up

As 2024 draws to a close, Orange County is marking a significant milestone in its disaster recovery efforts with the completion of key steps in its CDBG-DR programs.

This year, the County's CDBG-DR Action Plan received approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), unlocking \$219 million in federal disaster recovery funding to assist with unmet needs from Hurricane Ian.

Throughout the year, Orange County has made considerable progress by executing its agreement with HUD, developing essential program policies and procedures, and releasing Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Requests for Applications (RFA) for critical Infrastructure & Public Facilities and Planning programs.

Additionally, the County successfully selected a vendor to administer the Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction and Rental Housing Rehabilitation programs, setting the stage for the next phase of recovery.

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## Upcoming Programs

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Orange County will continue working diligently in 2025 to assist residents with their recovery from Hurricane Ian.

The following programs will launch next year. More information will be provided on the CDGB-DR website and in the monthly newsletter.

### **Housing, to include:**

- Homeowner housing rehabilitation and reconstruction
- Rental housing rehabilitation
- New affordable housing construction
- Temporary rental assistance

### **Public Services, to include:**

- Economic recovery
- Self-sufficiency services
- Job training/job placement services
- Health/mental health services

It is anticipated that a Request for Applications for the Public Services program will be open to qualified non-profit entities in January of 2025. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

## HURRICANE RECOVERY RESOURCES

If you were affected by Hurricane Milton, please see the list of available resources below:

- FEMA has declared Orange County as a designated disaster area following Hurricane Milton. Residents can apply NOW for Individual Assistance through FEMA. The deadline to apply is **January 7, 2025**.
  - [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)
  - 1-800-621-3362
- Small Business Administration Assistance is now available. Click the link below to learn more about eligibility and to apply.
  - [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)
- The IRS is providing relief for individuals who suffered damage or loss during Hurricane Milton. Learn more [HERE](#).
- Orange County residents can register for the Army Corps of Engineers Blue Roof Program at [bluroof.gov](http://bluroof.gov).
- Additional Resources:
  - [Mental Health Resources](#)
  - [Disaster Survivor's Checklist](#)

## Happy New Year!

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and safe new year!



## CDBG-DR TIMELINE

The full updated CDBG-DR timeline can be found here: [www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR](http://www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR).

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- **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 Plans were reviewed and approved by HUD.
- **Summer 2024:** Program policies and procedures are being developed for the Infrastructure & Public Facilities, Planning Studies, and Public Services programs.
- **December 5 & 8 2024:** Notice of Funding Availability was posted for the CDBG-DR Infrastructure & Public Facilities and Planning programs.
- **December 10, 2024:** Request for Applications (RFA) for Infrastructure & Public Facilities and Planning programs opened.
- **December 11, 2024:** Pre-Award Technical Assistance workshops held on the RFA process.
- **January 22, 2025:** RFA for Infrastructure & Public Facilities and Planning programs to close.
- **Early 2025 (Tentative):** Agreements for approved Infrastructure & Public Facilities and Planning Studies programs will be issued; 2nd RFA under the infrastructure & Public Facilities

Program to open for non-profit organizations; RFA for Public Services will be issued;  
Applications for the Housing program will open.

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

Stay Tuned!

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## Questions? Thoughts? Suggestions?

We're here to help! Contact us here:

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