

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF PUBLIC MEETING AND
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**AMENDMENT TO THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) ACTION PLAN**

The Orange County Housing and Community Development Division, on behalf of Orange County and in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations governing Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program, notifies the public and all interested organizations, agencies and stakeholders of the proposed amendment to the CDBG-DR Action Plan. 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 Ian, and it is being amended as follows:

(1) **Section 2.2.4.1 (Income Limits, Fair Market Rents and Affordability Periods)** – the proposed amendments remove the following affordability periods:

- Single-family (up to \$30,000): grant;
- Single-family (\$30,001 to 200,000): min 5 years;
- Single-family reconstruction: min 10 years

And replace with:

- Single-family rehabilitation and reconstruction: 3 years;
- Modular/Mobile Home reconstruction: min 3 years.

(2) **Section 4.9.1.1 (Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program)** – the proposed amendment to the eligibility criteria adds the following:

- Applicant must have owned the storm-impacted property at the time of the storm, and must still own the property;
- The storm-impacted property must have been the applicant’s primary residence at the time of the storm;
- The storm-impacted property must be an eligible housing unit;
- The storm-impacted property must be located within Orange County;
- If there is a mortgage on the property, the mortgage must be in good standing;
- Property taxes must be paid in full or on a payment plan in good standing;
- The storm-impacted property must not be subject to active bankruptcy proceedings; and
- The storm-impacted property must not be located within a regulatory floodway.

(3) **Section 4.9.1.1 (Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program)** – the proposed amendment changes program limits as follows:

- Increases the maximum allowable rehabilitation assistance from \$200,000 to \$250,000;
- Removes the restriction for reconstruction of the property when the rehabilitation cost exceeds 50% of the pre-disaster value of the unit, and replaces the condition with “reconstruction is allowable when the cost to rehabilitate the home exceeds program cap of \$250,000, or the property is otherwise deemed Not Suitable for Rehabilitation”; and

- Increases the reconstruction cap from \$300,000 to \$375,000.

(4) **Section 4.9.1.3 (Rental Assistance Program)** – the proposed amendment to the relocation allowance strategy limits the amount of temporary relocation assistance available to homeowners who need to vacate their property during repairs or reconstruction, as these are voluntary programs, and to state the assistance will be paid to the entity providing temporary housing.

(5) **Section 4.9.3 (Infrastructure and Public Facilities Program(s))** – the proposed amendment to the Program National Objectives section includes the use of the Urgent Need and Slum & Blight national objectives.

The amended CDBG-DR Action Plan showing the proposed changes in strike-through and underlined formats will be available for review by the public from Monday February 17, 2025, through Wednesday, March 19, 2025, on the CDBG-DR Program website at www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR. The amended document will also be available for review at the following locations: Orlando Public Library Main Branch, Community Relations Department, Third Floor, located at 101 East Central Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32801; and at the Orange County Housing and Community Development Division's office located at 525 East South Street, Orlando, FL 32801.

The proposed amendment to the CDBG-DR Action Plan document will be presented to the Community Development Advisory Board during their regularly scheduled meeting that will occur on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at the Cypress Room, Second Floor, located at 201 S. Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. Additionally, a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the CDBG-DR Action Plan will be conducted by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. The public hearing notice providing additional details will be posted separately.

Comments about the proposed amendment to the CDBG-DR Action Plan may be submitted in writing during the public comment period, via email or by mail as follows:

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

For more information about the CDBG-DR Program, please visit the program website at www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR.

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