



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - February 28, 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 \$33,357,000 to address remaining needs resulting from **Hurricane Milton** (more information provided below).

To provide our residents and community partners with the most up to date information, a monthly newsletter will be released on the last calendar day of each month. We encourage you to share it 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



The CDBG-DR Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction program, Orange County Recovers, will launch on **Wednesday, March 5, 2025**.

The Orange County Recovers Program helps homeowners residing in the County and any of its municipalities repair, rebuild or replace eligible homes that still have remaining damage from Hurricane Ian.

To apply, please visit: [OrangeCountyRecovers.com](https://www.OrangeCountyRecovers.com) or call 321-382-3514.

Do You Qualify?



You owned & occupied your property at the time of Hurricane Ian AND you still own the property



Your household is income qualified



Your home still has documented and unrepaired damage from Hurricane Ian

Documents Needed to Apply

- ◆ Valid Photo ID/Proof of Citizenship
- ◆ Income Documentation
- ◆ Proof of Insurance for Damaged Property *(if applicable)*
- ◆ Proof of Ownership
- ◆ Proof of Disability *(if applicable)*
- ◆ Power of Attorney/Communication Designee *(if applicable)*
- ◆ Proof of Damage/Benefit Information
- ◆ Other Documentation as Required *see website for more details*

CDBG-DR Public Services Program - Request for Applications (RFA)

Orange County, through its Housing and Community Development Division, will be soliciting applications for the Public Services Program, to be implemented as part of the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program. Applications must be completed and submitted online through ZoomGrants, with the application link posted on the Program website: www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR. The County is making **\$7,000,000** in funding available for eligible projects and activities.

The primary objective of the CDBG-DR Public Services Program is to enhance community resiliency and economic stability by providing new or expanded access to public services that ensure housing permanency, increase disaster preparedness and recovery, promote economic self-sufficiency, and improve access to health and mental health services for individuals and households impacted by Hurricane Ian.

The Request for Applications (RFA) process will begin on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**, and will end on **Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** for non-profit service providers that meet the following criteria:

1. Are state-certified 501(c)(3) organizations;
2. Have an established presence in Orange County and have been in operation for at least two (2) years; and

3. Have the ability to deliver the specified services to LMI populations, to include persons and households located in the Hurricane Ian impact areas.

All CDBG-DR funded activities must address the impact of the disaster for which funding was allocated, be a CDBG-eligible activity, and meet a national objective of the CDBG program. Additionally, public services activities funded under the CDBG-DR Program must address the unmet needs identified in the approved CDBG-DR Action Plan, which are listed below:

- Self-sufficiency Services (i.e. financial literacy, housing search and counseling, legal assistance);
- Health Services/Mental Health Services;
- Job Training/Job Placement Services; and
- Other economic recovery related services.

Mandatory Pre-Award Technical Assistance Workshop

The mandatory pre-award technical assistance workshop will be conducted in person on **Thursday, March 13, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, at the Orange County Administration Building (Commission Chambers, 1st Floor) located at 201 S. Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801.

The workshop will provide technical assistance and information about the program requirements, funding criteria for project submissions, and details about the application process. Organizations interested in submitting proposals are required to attend the workshop.

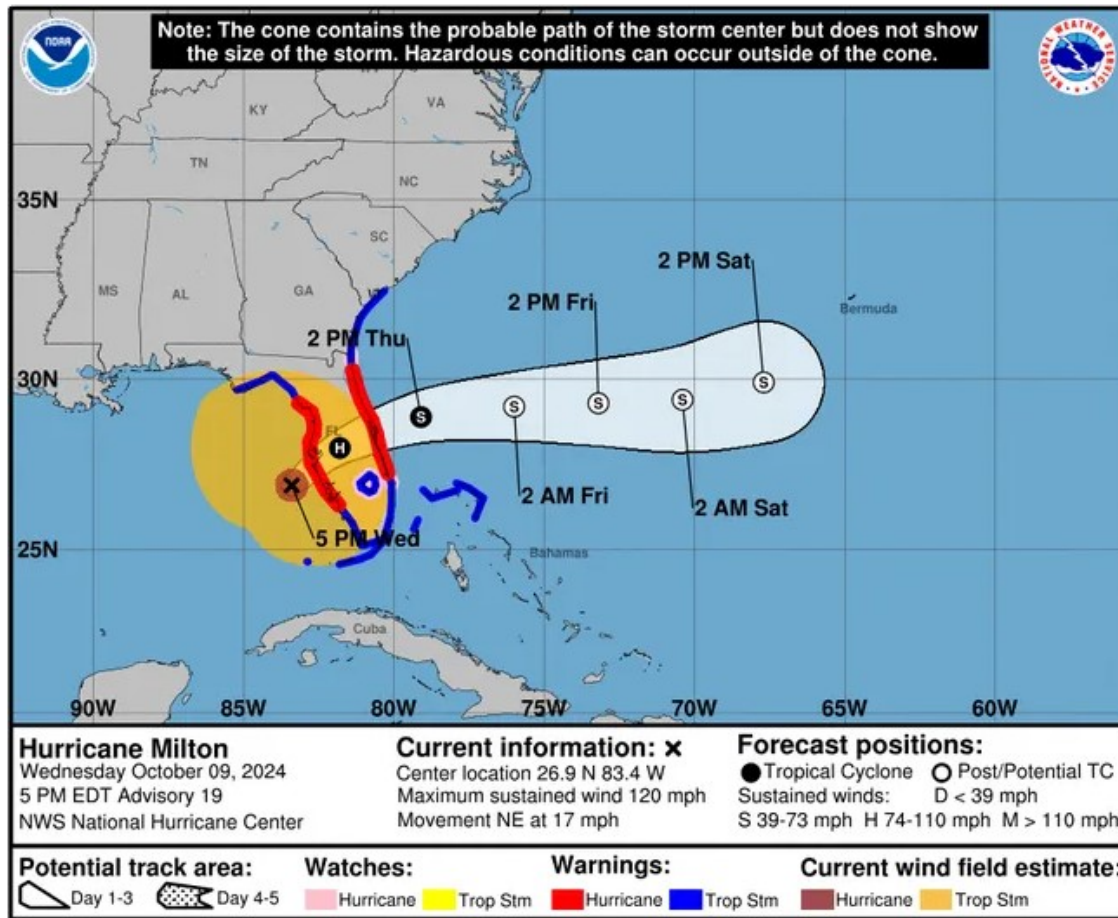
To confirm attendance, please e-mail Victoria.Colon@ocfl.net.

Hurricane Milton outreach - We Want to Hear From You!

Orange County expects to receive an additional allocation **\$33,357,000** in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist with recovery and mitigation efforts related to Hurricane Milton.

The County is in the early planning stages and will seek input from the residents, community partners, and local municipalities in determining remaining unmet needs and developing an Action Plan for the proposed use of funds.

Community meetings are in the process of being scheduled. Please stay tuned for an announcement on meeting dates and locations.



CDBG-DR TIMELINE

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

- **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, Mitigation and Planning Studies programs.

- **December 10, 2024:** Request for Applications (RFA) for Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning Studies 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 Public Services program to open for qualified non-profit organizations.
- **March 5, 2025:** Applications for the Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction program to open.
- **March 13, 2025:** Mandatory Pre-Award Technical Assistance Workshop for Public Services RFA.
- **Spring 2025 (Tentative):** 2nd RFA under the Infrastructure & Public Facilities program to open for non-profit organizations.

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

Stay Tuned!

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