



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - October 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. We encourage you to share this newsletter with your friends, family, colleagues, and anyone else who, you believe, might benefit from this information. This month, we are focusing on the CDBG-DR Public Services Program.

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



Public Services Program

The CDBG-DR Public Services Program will assist income-qualified households and communities impacted by Hurricane Ian with essential services to secure economic recovery, housing stability, and resiliency to overcome future disasters. CDBG-DR public services funding will be targeted to support the delivery of essential services to households in areas most impacted by Hurricane Ian.

Program Objective: 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.

Eligible Applicants: The funding will be distributed to qualified local nonprofit service providers, which meet the following criteria:

1. be 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 income-qualified populations, to include persons and households located in the Hurricane Ian's impact areas.

Service providers will be selected through a competitive process that includes a project risk assessment, evaluation of the organization's financial capacity and experience, and other standards outlined in 2 CFR Part 200 and HUD guidelines.

Eligible Service Categories: Orange County has set aside a total of \$7,000,000 (3.2% of the total CDBG-DR allocation) for the CDBG-DR Public Services Program, with the following breakdown by service categories.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE CDBG-DR PUBLIC SERVICES PROGRAM

Public Services Program and Activities	Budgeted Amount
Self-sufficiency Services (i.e. financial literacy, housing search and counseling, legal assistance)	\$2,000,000
Health Services/Mental Health Services	\$2,500,000
Job Training/Job Placement Services	\$2,000,000
Other economic recovery related services	\$ 500,000
Total Public Services Program and Activities	\$7,000,000

The CDBG-DR Public Services Program Manual, Notice of Funding Availability for non-profit agencies, and the scoring criteria for projects submitted during the Request for Applications process will be posted on the CDBG-DR Program website in November of 2024.

WEBSITE UPDATES



The Orange County CDBG-DR Website is currently being updated to include updated information on the CDBG-DR program. Please keep a look out for updated information to be posted within the next 2-3 weeks.

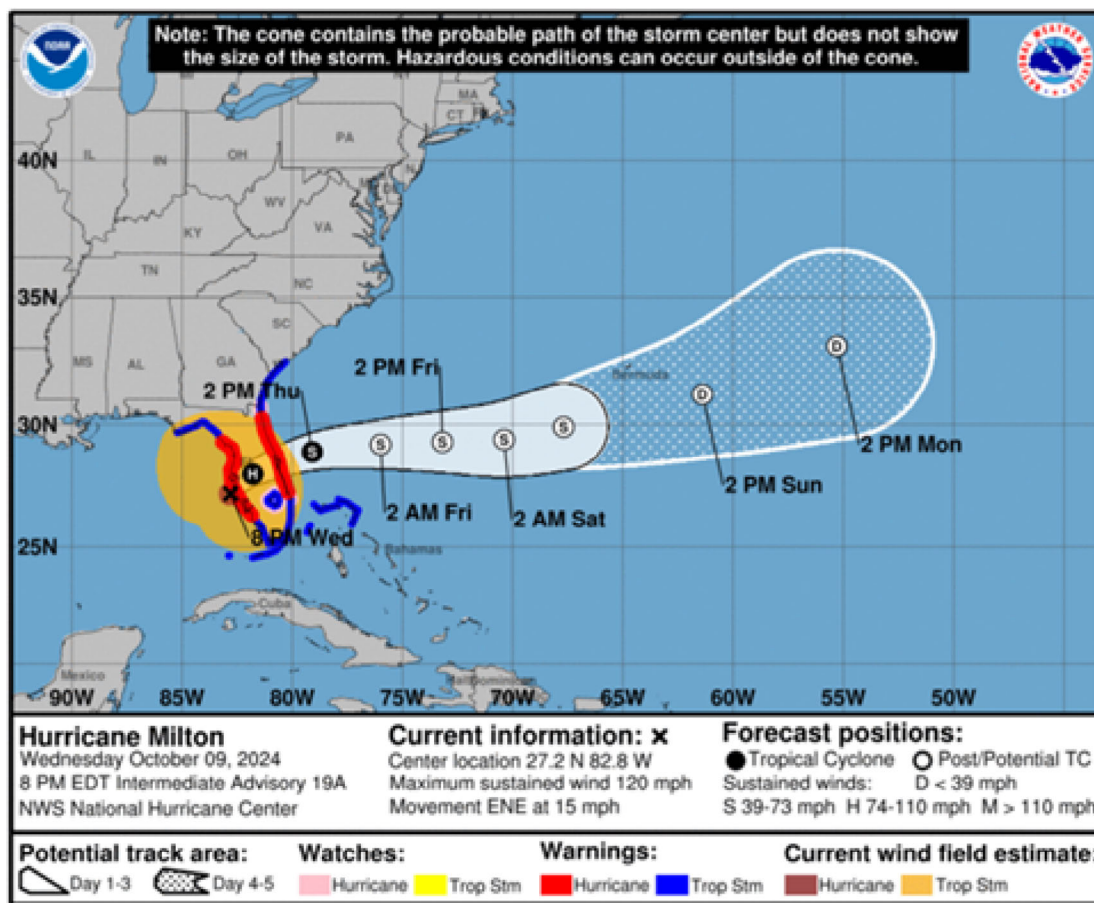
QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Orange County produces Quarterly Performance Reports (QPRs) showing expenditures and accomplishments for each activity funded as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This month, the second report was submitted to highlight activities that took place from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024. These reports are created in HUD's Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting system and made available to HUD as well as the public. All reports can be found on the website: www.ocfl.net/cdbg-dr, under the "Reporting" Tab.

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.
 - 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
- 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.
- Additional Resources:
 - [Mental Health Resources](#)
 - [Disaster Survivor's Checklist](#)



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 Plan was reviewed and approved by HUD.
- **Summer-Fall 2024:** Program policies and procedures are being developed for the Infrastructure & Public Facilities, Planning Studies, and Public Services programs.
- **November 2024 (Tentative):** Notice of Funding Availability will be posted for the CDBG-DR Infrastructure & Public Facilities (first round of funding = for local municipalities and County departments and divisions), Planning Studies, and Public Services programs. Pre-Award Technical Assistance workshops will be held on the RFA process.
- **Late November 2024 (Tentative):** Requests for Applications (RFA) for Infrastructure & Public Facilities, Planning Studies, and Public Services programs to open for local municipalities, local jurisdictions, other units of government, and non-profit agencies (Public Services RFA).
- **Early 2025 (Tentative):** Agreements for approved Infrastructure & Public Facilities, Planning Studies, and Public Services programs will be issued; 2nd RFA under the infrastructure & Public Facilities Program to open for non-profit organizations; Applications for the Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction program will open.

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

Stay Tuned!

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