



Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG- DR)

Summary

Orange County government is a recipient of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds. Orange County will receive an allocation of **\$219,712,000** to help communities recover from the impacts of Hurricane Ian. This amount includes \$191,054,000 for unmet needs and \$28,658,000 for mitigation.

What are CDBG-DR projects?

CDBG-DR projects are activities related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructures, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas.

Each activity must:

- 1) address a direct or indirect impact from the disaster in a most impacted and distressed area;
- 2) be a CDBG-eligible activity—primarily serve low - moderate-income persons or geographies (please refer to the CDBG income chart);
- 3) meet a national objective of the CDBG program

Examples of Eligible Activities

HOUSING: new construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of housing, homeownership assistance, buyouts, rental assistance, etc.

INFRASTRUCTURE: public facilities, public improvements, match for federal programs, and elevation of non-residential structures

ECONOMIC RECOVERY: attraction, retention, and return of businesses and jobs

PUBLIC SERVICES: housing counseling, legal advice, and representation, job training, etc.

CDBG-DR Estimated Timeline

September 28, 2022	Hurricane Ian made landfall
March 15, 2023	HUD allocations announced
May 18, 2023	Federal Register guidance published
July 20, 2023	Financial certifications submitted to HUD
August & September 2023	Community engagement & outreach process
November 2023	Draft Action Plan published for public comments
December 2023	BCC public hearing for Action Plan
January 2024	Action Plan to be submitted to HUD for review
Early 2024	CDBG-DR program launch

Community Engagement

In developing its CDBG-DR Action Plan, Orange County will solicit input from local jurisdictions, public housing authorities, advocacy groups, and community partners, as well as citizens of the affected areas, to determine the remaining long-term resiliency needs and the most critical disaster mitigation needs.

How to Get Involved?

If you or someone you know were affected by Hurricane Ian—we want to hear from you! The County is making a resident survey available on its CDBG-DR website: www.ocfl.net/NeighborsHousing/OCDisasterRecovery.aspx. Additionally, community meetings will be held in each of the County commission districts. The schedule of the meetings (dates, times, and locations) will be posted on the website.

Orange County is currently NOT accepting any applications for funding. The public will be notified when applications are accepted.

If you need immediate assistance,
please contact 2-1-1.