

Sarasota County

Resilient SRQ

2024 Storms Debby, Helene and Milton

2024 Storms Allocation - Update
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Background

- On January 16, 2025, HUD published a Federal Register Notice (FRN) identifying allocations for the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for major disasters occurring in 2023 and 2024.
 - Key Points:
 - Sarasota County: \$210,094,000 for 2024 storms (Debby, Helene, and Milton)
 - Applicability Date of FRN: January 21, 2025
 - Funds governed by the allocation FRN and a “Universal Notice” FRN.
 - Take-aways:
 - New allocation rolled into the “Resilient SRQ” program = \$411,629,000 total of CDBG-DR funds.
 - Must be treated as a separate program, separate Action Plan, but may leverage existing resources.
 - More aggressive roll-out / timing of Action Plan development and new rules under “Universal Notice.”
 - 70% spend to benefit low-to-moderate income households still a major requirement.



Allocation FRN & Resources

Grantee (i.e. State/Local)	Allocation
State of Florida	\$925,394,000
Broward County*	\$29,222,000
Ft. Lauderdale*	\$88,051,000
Hillsborough County*	\$709,324,000
Lee County	\$100,683,000
Manatee County*	\$252,711,000
Orange County	\$33,357,000
Pasco County*	\$585,704,000
Pinellas County*	\$813,783,000
St. Petersburg*	\$159,884,000
Sarasota County	\$210,094,000
Volusia County	\$133,515,000

- Notably, Hurricane Idalia (2023) is not included as a major disaster for Sarasota County.
- To administer funds and draft the Action Plan CDBG-DR grantees must have:
 - Data sharing agreements w/ HUD and SBA
 - Citizen Participation Plan
 - Residential Anti-Displacement Plan
 - Financial Management and Grant Certifications
 - Individual program policies and procedures
 - Stand-alone CDBG-DR website
 - Personnel to administer grant, financials, reporting, etc.

*First-time CDBG-DR direct allocation grantees.



Old Rules v. New Rules

- 2022 Disaster Allocation (\$201.5M) vs. 2024 Disaster Allocation (\$210.0M)
 - 2022 = Regulated by allocation FRN and “Consolidated Notice.”
 - 2024 = Regulated by allocation FRN and “Universal Notice.”
- “Universal Notice” changes to CDBG-DR:
 - More timely = Action Plan development and submittal deadline is now 90 days vs. 180 days.
 - New outreach components = 2 public hearings vs. 1 public hearing; Citizen advisory group for program.
 - New eligible uses = Disaster relief payments, rental / mortgage assistance, private shelters, etc.
 - More flexibility = Low-to-moderate income area benefit “partial credit” towards national objective.



Next Steps

Activities Planned	Estimated Timeframe
Public Input / Outreach	January - February
Drafting Action Plan	January - February
Direction from Board on Draft Action Plan	February
30-Day Public Comment Period	March
Responding to Public Comments	March - April
Drafting Final Action Plan	March - April
Direction from Board on Final Action Plan	April
Action Plan Submission to HUD	April
HUD Approval of Action Plan	May - June

- Public Input / Outreach – Started 1/27
 - Media release, flyers, newsletters.
 - Surveys (individuals, non-profits, businesses).
 - Public input meetings scheduled.
- Drafting Action Plan – Started 1/27
 - Collecting data for unmet needs
 - Addressing HUD standards (e.g. Fair Housing, etc.)
 - Reviewing mitigation / resiliency plans.
- Next Board Update – 2/11
 - Details of program requirements.
 - Status of unmet needs and progress.
 - Early information.



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