

Sarasota County

Resilient SRQ

2024 Storms Debby, Helene and Milton

Public Input Meeting
February 5, 8, 13, & 15, 2025

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Overview

- Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) is a federally funded program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist communities in recovering from disasters.
- The process of receiving CDBG-DR funding begins when Congress appropriates funds through HUD following a presidentially declared disaster. HUD then allocates the funds to state and local governments based on the disaster's impact.
- In January 2025, HUD allocated \$210 million in funding to Sarasota County.



Background

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

- 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.
- Funds are traditionally distributed to states for “most impacted and distressed” (MID) areas (e.g. counties) to apply to funds.

2022 Storms = \$201,535,000

2024 Storms = \$210,094,000

Total = \$411,629,000



Funding Requirements

Requirement	Description
Maximum of 15% of funds do not need tie back to Hurricane Ian (Mitigation)	Mitigation - activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.
70% of funds must be used to benefit low to moderate income(LMI) persons.	LMI - defined as 80% Sarasota County's Area Median Income. For projects spanning a large service area, 51% of the project must benefit LMI persons.
All funds must meet a HUD National Objective	HUD National Objectives: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons, have an urgent need, prevent or eliminate slum or blight

All funds must be used in Sarasota County within six years

All funds must address an unmet need - **cannot have another funding source available**



Eligible Uses



Housing	Infrastructure	Economic Revitalization	Mitigation	Public Services	Planning
Rehabilitation and repair	Public service facilities (roads, bridges, transit and evacuation corridors)	<u>Must prioritize</u> commercial and retail districts in historically disadvantaged communities	Any activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage and loss to property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters	Employment services, crime prevention and public safety, child care, health services, education programs, energy conservation, services for senior citizens, services for homeless persons, welfare services, recreational services.	Feasibility studies, marketing studies, local mitigation plans, and long-term disaster recovery plans.
Homeowner repair reimbursement	Water, sewer, stormwater, and drinking water infrastructure	Loans and grants to businesses	For the 15% mitigation set-aside, no requirements that project has a direct or indirect tie-in to 2024 storm impacts	Must be a new service or a quantifiable increase to an existing service.	
Single-family and multi-family affordable housing	Aviation, port, and navigation channels	Job training programs			
Voluntary buyout	Non-federal matches (i.e. FEMA HMGP / BRIC)	Financing of efforts that attract and retain workers in devastated communities			
Homeownership assistance	Private shelters*	Business relocation assistance			
Disaster relief payments (utilities, food, clothing)*					
Rental / mortgage assistance*					

*New allowable activities



Our 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
Launch of Programs / Applications	Summer / Fall 2025

- Presenting Draft Action Plan to BCC – 2/25
 - Collecting data for unmet needs
 - Addressing HUD standards (e.g. Fair Housing, etc.)
 - Reviewing mitigation / resiliency plans.
- Draft Action Plan Comment Period – 3/3 – 4/3
 - Two (2) Public Hearings – RLA 3/4 & Admin 3/14
- Presenting Final Action Plan to BCC – 4/22
- Submitting Action Plan to HUD – Late April/ Early May



Your Next Steps!

- Provide a public comment today on these funds and best uses.
- Complete the electronic or paper public input survey if you are an individual.
 - If you are a non-profit or business, separate survey available on ResilientSRQ.net.
- Follow along for the next steps and continue to provide input.
 - Draft Action Plan (2/25)
 - Public comment period (3/3 – 4/3)
 - Final Action Plan (4/25)
 - Launch of programs and applications (Summer / Fall 2025)
- Visit ResilientSRQ.net and sign up for our newsletter / updates.
- Spread the word!



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