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# Resilient SRQ

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*2024 Storms Debby, Helene and Milton*

## Resilient SRQ Update

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# Agenda

- Background
- Eligible Uses
- Outreach
- Board Motion - Delegating Resolution
- Board Motion - Budget Resolution
- Next Steps



# 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

\*First-time CDBG-DR direct allocation grantees.

- 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.
  - 2024 Storms - Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricanes Helene and Milton
  - Sarasota County's Allocation - \$210,094,000.
  - 90-Day Action Plan Submission Deadline = April 21, 2025
  - HUD Comment / Approval Period = (45) days after Action Plan Submission.
  - Funds regulated by the allocation FRN and a "Universal Notice" FRN.



## Background (cont.)

**Total Allocation: \$210,094,000**

**70 % of total funds (\$147,065,800) must be used to benefit LMI (low to moderate income) persons**  
LMI - defined as 80% Sarasota County's Area Median Income

**Must meet a HUD national objective**

Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons, have an urgent need, prevent or eliminate slum or blight

Must have a "tie back" to Tropical Storm Debby, Hurricane Helene, and/or Hurricane Debby unless being used for mitigation project (\$27,404,000 available for mitigation projects)

**All funds** must be used in Sarasota County within six years

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



# Eligible Uses



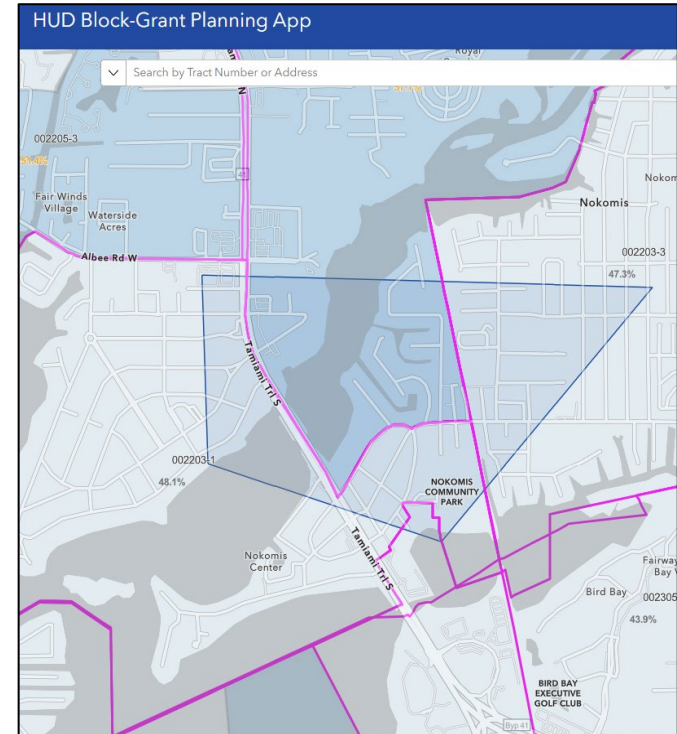
Housing	Infrastructure	Economic Revitalization	Mitigation	Public Services	Planning
Rehabilitation and repair	Public service facilities (roads, bridges, transit and evacuation corridors)	<u>Must prioritize</u> commercial and retail districts in historically disadvantaged communities	Any activities that 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			
Single-family and multi-family affordable housing	Aviation, port, and navigation channels	Job training programs	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.	
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



## Eligible Uses (cont.)

- Considerations for “Projects”:
  - ✓ Eligible activity (i.e. housing, infrastructure, etc.)
  - ✓ HUD’s Primary National Objective - LMI
    - Housing = low-mod housing activities (LMH).
    - Infrastructure = low-mod area-benefit (LMA).
    - Public Service = low-mod limited clientele (LMC).
    - Economic Revitalization = low-mod job creation or retention (LMJ).
  - ✓ Spending requirements and spending caps.
    - LMI, Mitigation, Public Service, Planning, etc.
  - ✓ Additional requirements from FRN’s.
  - ✓ Timeframe to expend funds.
  - ✓ Capacity to manage funds and compliance.
    - ✓ Policies, staffing, financial management, etc.



Example of defining a “service area” overlaid on LMI Census Tract Areas to determine LMI benefits for a CDBG-DR infrastructure project.



# Outreach

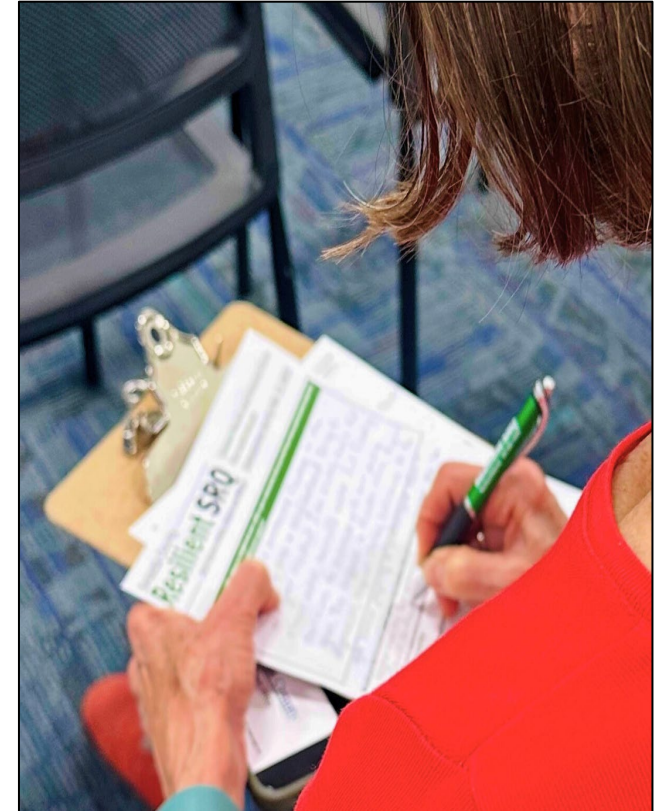
- Survey launch on January 27, 2025.
  - Individuals, non-profits, and businesses.
  - Ending February 15, 2025.
- 4 public input meetings.
- Presentations to community groups.
- Media release, newsletters, flyer distribution and materials.

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



## Outreach – Early Results

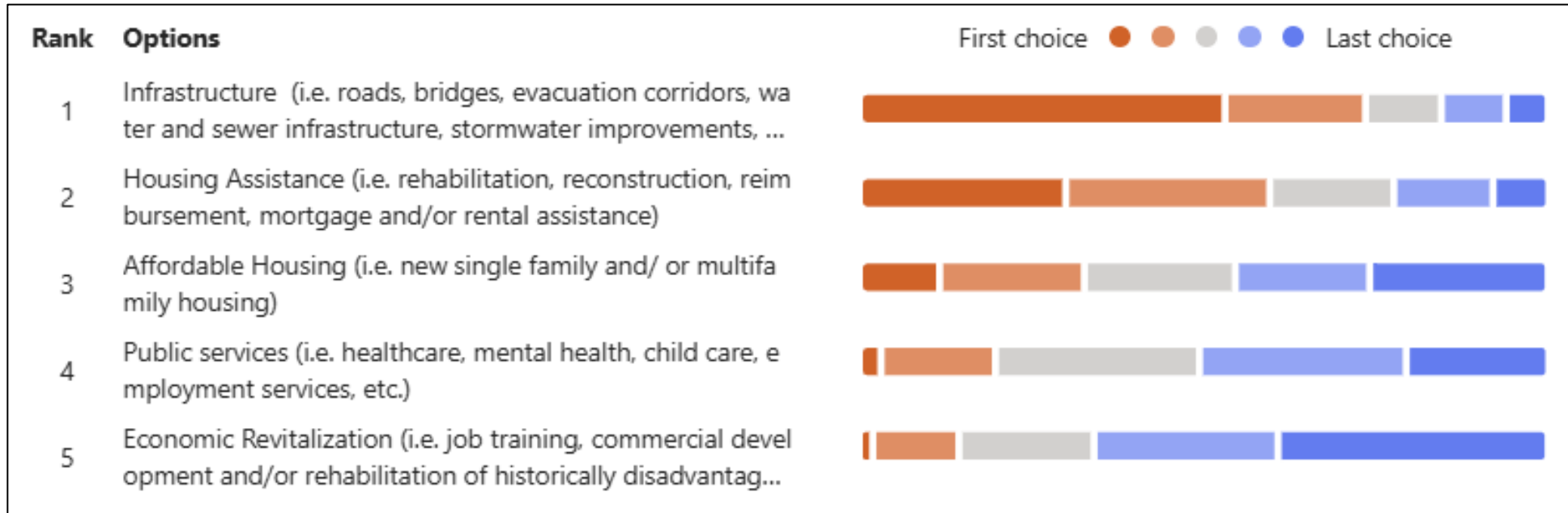
- Stakeholder Input (as of 2/11):
  - Public meetings - 2
  - Stakeholder presentations - 3
  - Internal meetings - 2
  - Data requests - +10
- Survey Responses (as of 2/11):
  - Individuals - 1,031
  - Businesses - 40
  - Non-profits - 23
  - **Total – 1,094**





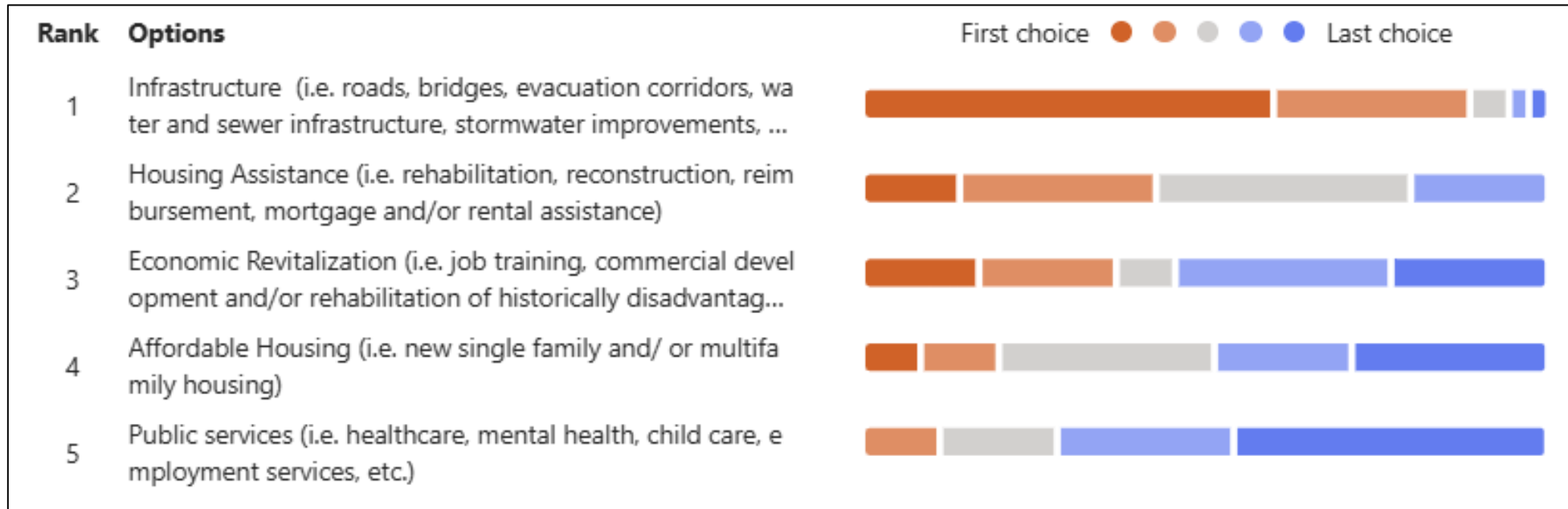
# Outreach – Early Results (cont.)

Individuals – 1,031 Survey Responses (Top Priority Question – Rank Choice):



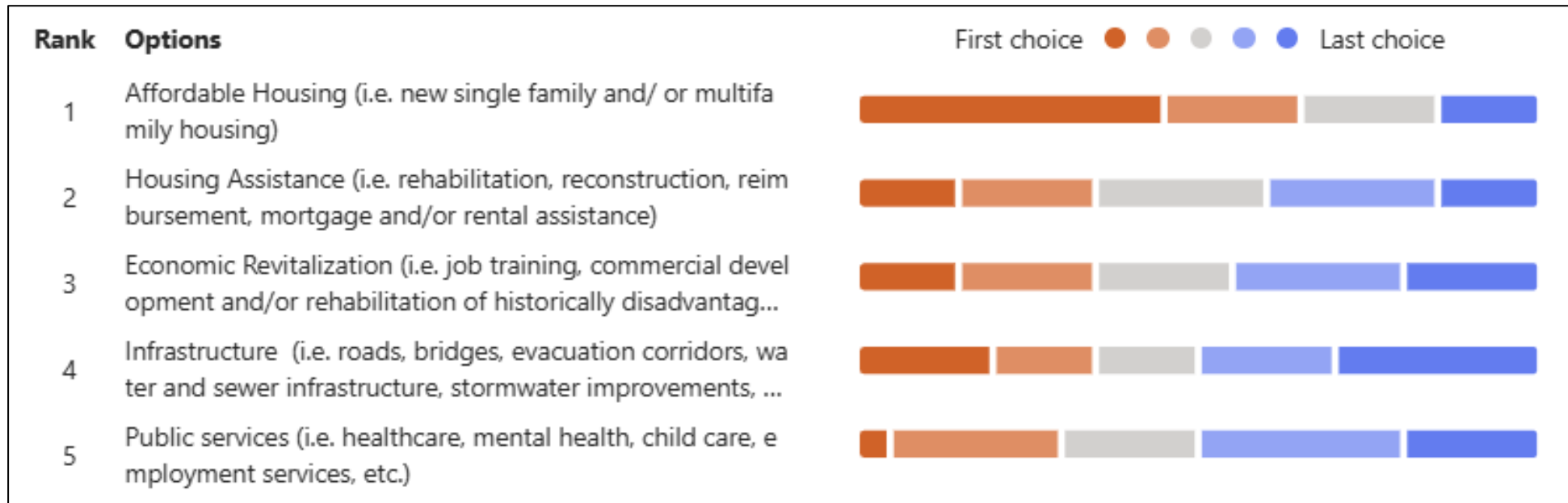
# Outreach – Early Results (cont.)

Businesses – 40 Survey Responses (Top Priority Question – Rank Choice):



# Outreach – Early Results (cont.)

Non-profits – 23 Survey Responses (Top Priority Question – Rank Choice):



## Motion – Board Delegation

B. To adopt a resolution, delegating authority to the County Administrator or designee to take all actions necessary to manage, administer, allocate, and expend Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds and manage and administer the programs related thereto; and authorizing acceptance of electronic signatures for Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery applications, agreements, and related program documents.



## Motion – Budget Resolution

C. To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2025-025, amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to appropriate funding for the 2024 storms CDBG-DR allocation, in the amount of \$210,094,000.



## Next Steps

- Complete public input meetings and unmet needs survey
- Review other available data and unmet needs.
- Formulate unmet needs assessment and proposed funds.
- Return to the Board for direction and approval of draft Action Plan.
- Publish draft Action Plan for 30-day public comment period.
- Respond to public comments and finalize Action Plan.
- Return to the Board for direction and approval of final Action Plan.



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## Economic Revitalization

- All Uses in “Economic Revitalization”:
  - Must meet the overall “Funding Requirements” (e.g. unmet needs, LMI and/or UN)
  - Must prioritize underserved communities impacted by the disaster and that were economically distressed before the disaster.
    - Example: Areas designed as a Promise Zone, Opportunity Zone, a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, a tribal area, a Community Disaster Resilience Zone, or those areas that meet at least one of the distress criteria for the designation of an investment area of a Community Development Financial Institution.
- If employment related assistance:
  - Must track positions retained or created and annual wages to gauge qualifying against low-to-moderate income national objective.

