

CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

Community Meeting Summary

October 26, 2023



Orlo Vista Elementary School – 6:30 p.m.
3 S. Hastings St.
Orlando, FL 32835

Persons in attendance:
35

Comments/Concerns/Clarifications

- **Areas impacted:** Orlo Vista community - Westside Manor, Oak Crest Mobile Park, Fleming Heights, Ronnie Cir. & Hope Cir., W. Washington St., Wilmer Ave., Quintard Ave., Normandale Ave., Malibu Groves community.
- **Infrastructure:** All major infrastructure is over 60yrs old, and it needs to be upgraded. Power outages; fallen trees; drainage issues; extensive damage due to multi-year flooding and pump failures; need more auxiliary pumps.
- **Mitigation:** Need to improve the overall stormwater management system in the area; repair of damaged roads; debris removal and tree trimming; installation of fiberoptic cables—to upgrade phone and internet services.
- **Mitigation/Post-disaster:** Inspect/repair water and sewer lines going into homes as foundations may have shifted due to flooding. Prominent regulatory signage at entrance to stormwater drainage facilities/streets/areas to discourage dumping and blockage of drains.
- **Post-disaster:** Need to improve emergency management response by visiting individuals in most impacted areas first; provide more emergency shelters; code enforcement. Additionally, a need for an area-wide emergency alert system (phones) for hurricane (s).
- **Funding:** Set aside County funds (vs. federal dollars) for disaster recovery (e.g. Citizen Emergency Funds). Ensure that CDBG-DR funding is not spent in wealthy communities (spending transparency). Cut down on red tape to get assistance.
- **Program eligibility:** FEMA/ insurance did not cover the costs of repair/rehab; residents may not have receipts— will they be able to access CDBG-DR funds? No funding/support for loss of property (food, clothing, furniture, etc.). Need funds to repay SBA loans.

- **Plan development:** Residents want to participate in writing of the CDBG-DR action plan. (Note: Residents are providing input through public meetings, surveys, and CDBG-DR website). Action Plan will be available for a 30-days public review period prior to being submitted to HUD.
- **Housing:** Home rehabilitation, repair and replacement; elevation of structures; mold remediation, driveway repairs. Flood zones create challenges to meeting housing needs (i.e. insurance, finding affordable housing).
- **Businesses:** Shopping plaza/medical and professional offices were severely damaged (south of SR408; Kirkman Rd. & Colonial Dr.)
- **Public service(s):** Assistance needed to navigate an online application processes for home rehabilitation programs. Services for special needs individuals (seniors, persons w/ disabilities, homeless individuals, etc.)
- **Mental/Health services:** Medical assistance for those sickened by mold/standing water.
- **Other/Financial recovery:** Residents are financially exhausted from multiple hurricanes, high out of pocket expenses and inadequate funding for recovery that were made available (from government/insurance, etc.).

