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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - December 31, 2025

Orange County Government received \$219 million in federal disaster recovery funding (CDBG-DR funds) to help communities in hard-hit areas recover from Hurricane Ian. Additionally, the County received an allocation of \$33 million to address the remaining needs resulting from Hurricane Milton.

Orange County aims to provide our residents and community partners with the most up to date information as the County moves forward with its implementation of the CDBG-DR programs. We encourage you to share this newsletter with your friends, family, colleagues, and anyone else who, you believe, might benefit from this information.

Please visit our website at www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR for more information about the CDBG-DR Program, timeline, and other related information.

Orange County Recovers Updates

As the year comes to an end, Orange County continues to make progress with the CDBG-DR Orange County Recovers (OCRP) program. The program has begun repairing hurricane damaged homes of eligible residents.

This month construction began on the first awarded single family home under the OCRP, and we are excited to follow along with the homeowner as the damage from Hurricane Ian is repaired. Permit applications continue to be submitted to the appropriate governing jurisdictions to enable construction to begin on the homes of other approved residents.



Upcoming program activities will involve the repair or replacement of Mobile Home Units (MHUs) and manufactured homes. Please watch for upcoming newsletters to stay informed on project progress and ongoing repairs to the homes of eligible Orange County residents.

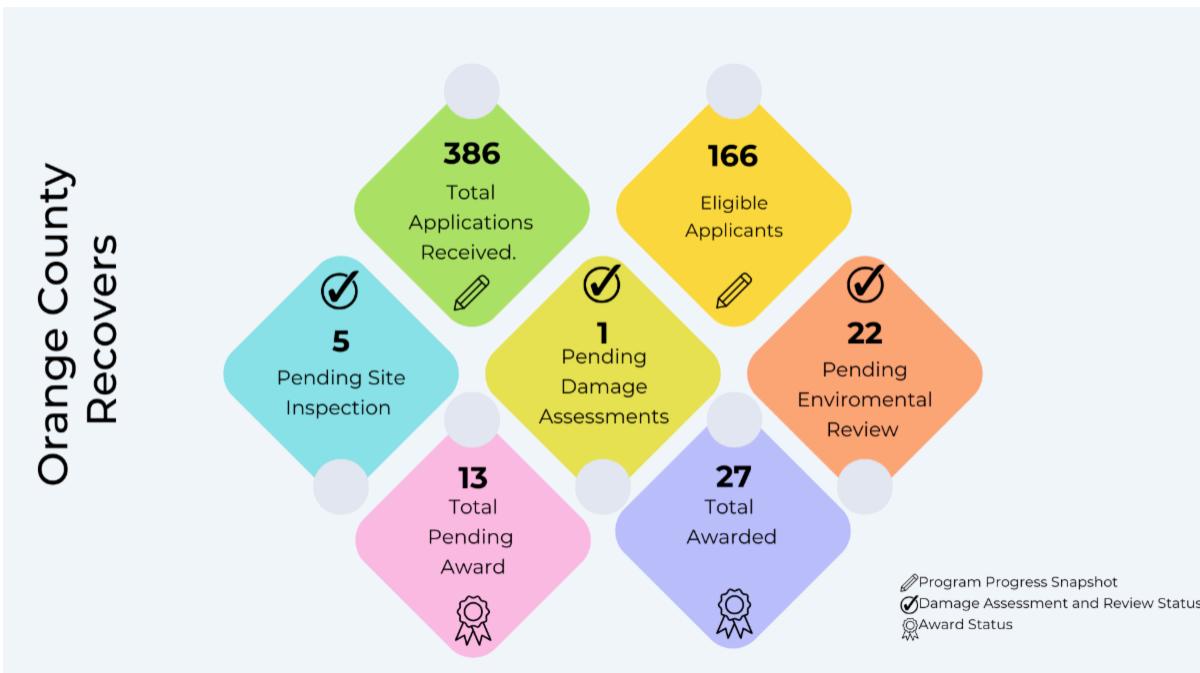
Follow the link below to the story from Channel Nine and Spectrum about breaking ground on the first Orange County Recovers project. [Orange County Recovers Program Helps Homeowners Repair Hurricane Ian Damage - WFTV](#)

[Repairs begin on homes in Orange damaged by Hurricane Ian](#)

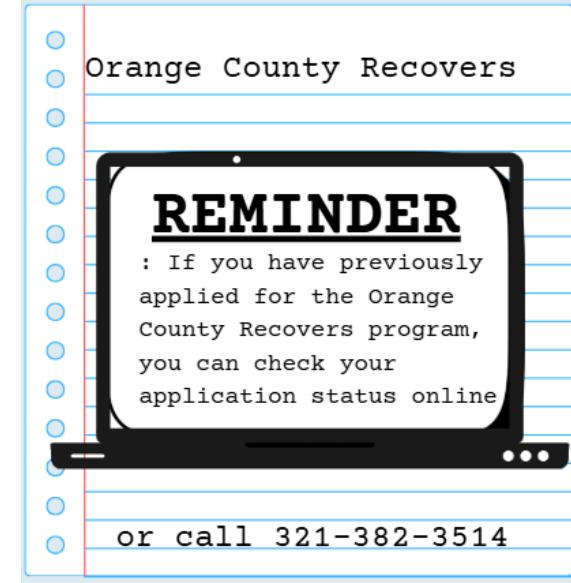


If your home was damaged by Hurricane Ian and you still have unmet repair needs, now is the time to apply. Visit [OrangeCountyRecovers.com](#) or call 321-382-3514 for assistance.

Don't wait — apply today and be part of the recovery.



Keep an eye on future newsletters for more updates as construction begins for those residents who are being awarded grant funds to repair the damage to their homes from the storm.



Public Services Update

Following the Request for Applications (RFA) issued earlier this year, Public Services applications were approved, and the selected nonprofit organizations were required to submit all requisite documentation and participate in a mandatory training session held on October 30 prior to the issuance of their subrecipient agreements.

The Disaster Recovery team is currently in the process of executing agreements for the 11 selected programs, consisting of:

- five (5) self-sufficiency programs,
- four (4) health and mental health service programs, and
- two (2) programs related to economic recovery

Fully executed agreements will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in early 2026 for final approval.

RFA for Public Facilities Update

The next phase of Orange County's recovery efforts will focus on Public Facilities, Housing, and Planning projects implemented in partnership with nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities. These initiatives are intended to support low- to moderate-income individuals and households, special needs and supportive housing programs, and planning studies designed to strengthen resilience against future storm events. An evaluation committee reviewed and scored the Public Facilities, Housing, and Planning Study applications submitted in response to the recent Request for Applications (RFA). Eligible programs and planning studies were presented to the Community Development Advisory Board for approval this month and will subsequently be brought before the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for consideration and approval in early 2026. Following BCC approval, subrecipient agreements will be executed with the selected organizations.

CDBG-DR Hurricane Milton Program Update

Community Outreach events are being held at the beginning of 2026. This is a continuation of the Orange County Recovers program, but with a focus on the homes with unmet needs, and unrepairs damage from Hurricane Milton (October 2024). For more information, please follow this link: [Orange County – Disaster Recovery Program for Hurricane Milton](#)

ORANGE COUNTY RECOVERS

MILTON COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- ✓ Tuesday, Jan. 27th
12:00pm-6:00pm
📍 John Bridges Community Center
445 W 13th St, Apopka, FL 32703
- ✓ Wednesday, Jan. 28th
12:00pm-7:00pm
📍 Multicultural Center
7149 W Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32818

COME OUT AND LEARN ABOUT THE
PROGRAM FOR HOMES DAMAGED BY
HURRICANE MILTON, ASK QUESTIONS,
AND START THE APPLICATION PROCESS

QUESTIONS?
CALL: (407) 836-5150
EMAIL: DISASTER.RECOVERY@OCFL.NET



Happy Holidays

May the magic of the holidays bring you
peace, love, and happiness



From Orange County
CDBG-DR Team

CDBG-DR Timeline

The full updated CDBG-DR timeline can be found here: www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR.

Hurricane Ian

- **January 9, 2024:** BCC public hearing for the CDBG-DR Action Plan. Please click [HERE](#) to view the public hearing recording.
- **January 17, 2024:** Orange County submitted the final CDBG-DR Action Plan to HUD for review and approval. Please click [HERE](#) for the final CDBG-DR Action Plan.
- **April 9, 2024:** Grant Agreement for CDBG-DR funds executed between Orange County and HUD.
- **June 17, 2024:** Orange County CDBG-DR Final Public and DRGR Action Plan was reviewed and approved by HUD.
- **Summer 2024:** Program policies and procedures are being developed for the Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs.
- **December 5 & 8 2024:** Notice of Funding Availability was posted for the CDBG-DR Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs.
- **December 10, 2024:** Request for Applications (RFA) for Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs opened.
- **December 11, 2024:** Mandatory Pre-Award Technical Assistance workshops held on the RFA process.
- **January 6, 2025:** The CDBG-DR General Grant Management Services contract was issued.
- **February 5, 2025:** RFAs for Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning Studies programs to close.
- **March 4, 2025:** RFA for the Public Services program opened for qualified non-profit organizations.
- **March 5, 2025:** Applications for the Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction program opened.
- **March 13, 2025:** Mandatory Pre-Award Technical Assistance Workshop for Public Services RFA.
- **April 2, 2025:** RFA for the Public Services program will close.
- **April 11, 2025:** Request for Proposals (RFP) for general contractors to open.
- **May 21, 2025:** The Community Development Advisory Board approved funding recommendations for Public Services totaling \$3,406,904.
- **May 23, 2025:** RFP for general contractors closed.

- **June 3, 2025:** The BCC approved funding for the Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning Studies programs totaling \$85,434,862.
- **August 25-26:** Mandatory Subrecipient Training --- O.C. Depts/Divisions & Local Municipalities (Infrastructure and Public Facilities)
- **August 27, 2025:** Release of Requests for Applications for Public Facilities and Housing Projects (for non-profit agencies and PHAs) and Planning Studies (the County, local municipalities, and quasi-governmental agencies).
- **September 4, 2025:** Mandatory Pre-Award Technical Assistance workshop to be held on the RFA process.
- **October 10, 2025:** Application window for Public Facilities and Housing Projects (for non-profit agencies and PHAs) and Planning Studies (the County, local municipalities, and quasi-governmental agencies closes).
- **October 30, 2025:** Mandatory Public Services Subrecipient Training -- Non-Profit Organization (Public Services)
- **Early 2026 (Tentative):** Launch RFA for New Affordable Housing Construction

Hurricane Milton

- **April 15, 2025:** Draft Hurricane Milton Action Plan posted for public comment.
- **May 15, 2025:** Public comment period for the Hurricane Milton Action Plan to close.
- **June 3, 2025:** Public hearing for the Hurricane Milton Action Plan conducted by the BCC.
- **June 18, 2025:** Hurricane Milton Action Plan submitted to HUD for review and approval.
- **July 3, 2025:** Orange County CDBG-DR Action Plan received the final approval from HUD.
- **July 22, 2025:** Grant Agreement for CDBG-DR funds executed between Orange County and HUD.
- **November 18, 2025:** BCC approval to amend existing contract with HORNE LLP to incorporate Hurricane Milton CDBG-DR allocation
- **Fall 2025:** Update program policies and procedures for the Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs to comply with Milton requirements
- **Early 2026:** (Tentative) Community Outreach and Program Implementation

More information will be available in our next newsletter, coming soon!

Stay Tuned!

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