



**COMMUNITY
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DISASTER RECOVERY



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - February 27th, 2026

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

The first Orange County Recovers rehabbed home has been completed and the keys handed over to the owner. Included below are pictures of the event, before and after pictures of the home, as well as links to media coverage. We currently have thirteen (13) homes being rehabbed with more to come. Please keep an eye out for our newsletter as we move forward with additional rehabilitation, reconstruction and MHU repair and replacement.

The application portal remains open for homes damaged by Hurricane Ian. We are also excited to announce that the portal is now accepting applications for single-family homes with unrepaired damage from Hurricane Milton



The Apopka Chief Article

Fox 35 Story

Channel 6 Story

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.

Orange County Recovers

REMINDER

: If you have previously applied for the Orange County Recovers program, you can check your application status online

or call 321-382-3514

Public Services Update

Subrecipient agreements for Public Services continue to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval. The following Agencies were approved on February 10, 2026.

- **Catholic Charities:** mental health services for low-income individuals
- **Habitat for Humanity:** financial literacy education and housing counseling

- **IMPOWER** : outpatient mental health telehealth services
- **Operation New Hope**: community outreach, case management, mental health counseling, transitional housing, and job training and placement
- **SALT Outreach**: mobile drop-in centers and street outreach, and case management to disaster impacted homeless individuals
- **United Against Poverty**: mobile facility to provide assistance to low income individuals through food, household items, crisis counseling, referrals, etc.

With BCC approval now secured, a technical assistance training will be conducted to ensure each agency understands and complies with applicable regulatory requirements as they begin delivering services.

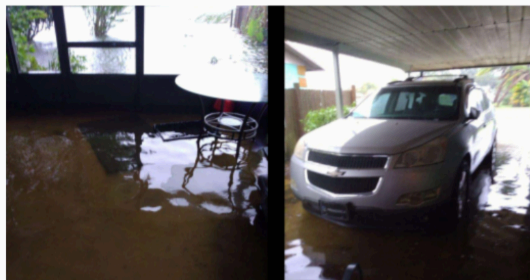
Infrastructure and Mitigation Updates

Subrecipient agreements with Orange County's local municipalities are now being presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval for Infrastructure and Mitigation projects aimed at protecting areas impacted by Hurricane Ian and reducing the risk of damage from future storms.

Three (3) agreements were approved by the BCC on February 10, 2026.

TOWN OF EATONVILLE

mitigate severe flooding from Lake King by constructing green stormwater infrastructure and upgrading the outfall system



CITY OF WINTER GARDEN

mitigate flooding of existing homes in Easter Winter Garden by adding inlets and upgrading stormwater systems.



CITY OF WINTER PARK

Upgrade pump stations at Ravaudage and Wymore to mitigate against future intrusion into properties and adjacent waterbodies as well as divert flow



Please stay tuned for additional updates and forthcoming agreement approvals involving other government partners.

RFA for Public Facilities Update

The next phase of Orange County's recovery efforts focuses on Public Facilities and Housing projects implemented in partnership with nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities. Award recommendations for nine (9) eligible projects (4 public facilities, 5 housing projects) will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval on March 24, 2026.

Subrecipients will be required to attend mandatory technical assistance workshops. During these workshops, subrecipients will receive training designed to strengthen capacity and ensure regulatory compliance in implementing these essential projects in Orange County communities. Keep an eye out for updates on these projects.

CDBG-DR Hurricane Milton Program Update

Orange County Recovers have begun accepting applications for homes that were damaged during Hurricane Milton in 2024. This process will follow the same steps as the Hurricane Ian application process.

The application portal is currently open and accepting applications for both Ian and Milton. Please click the link to [Apply - Orange County Recovers Program](#)

Request for Applications (RFA) under Hurricane Milton will commence later this year for the following programs:

- Infrastructure and Public Facilities
- Mitigation
- Public Services
- Planning Studies

Please stay tuned to our website and newsletter for updates.

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)
- **January 27, 2026:** Subrecipient agreements brought to the BCC for final approval for Public Services.
- **February 10, 2026:** Subrecipient agreements brought to the BCC for final approval for Public Services and Infrastructure/Mitigation
- **2nd Quarter 2026 (Tentative):** Launch RPA 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
- **January 27-28, 2026:** Outreach event for the Orange County Recovers Program for Hurricane Milton held at the Pine Hills Multicultural Center and the John Bridges Center.
- **2nd Quarter 2026:** (Tentative) Program Implementation

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

Stay Tuned!

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