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DISASTER RECOVERY



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - January 30, 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.

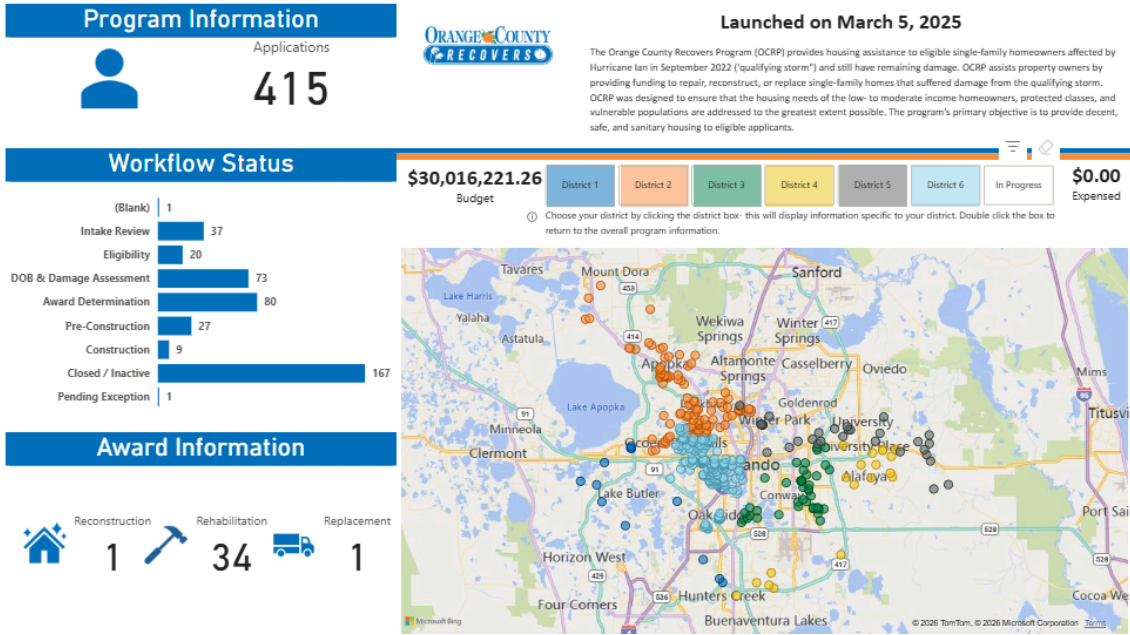
Please visit our website at www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR for more information about the CDBG-DR Program, timeline, and other related information.

Orange County Recovers Updates

The first home to be rehabilitated through the Orange County Recovers program is now complete and is awaiting final inspections by the local municipality. Below are the before and after photos showcasing the progress. We're also pleased to share that construction work has begun on 9 additional homes to repair damages from Hurricane Ian. Please stay tuned for more updates as these projects move forward.

The application portal remains open for homes damaged from 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

Visit Orange County Recovers Ian website to take a closer look at our single family home rehab dashboard!



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 have begun being present to the BCC for final approval. This month on the 27th the following were approved: (pending the BCC meeting)

- Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida providing homeless and self-sufficiency
- Hispanic Federation providing self-sufficiency, economic recovery, and mental health/health services

- Hope Community Center Inc providing health and mental health services and self-sufficiency programs in Apopka

BCC approval will be sought in February 2026 for 7 additional subrecipient agreements.

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. Eligible projects (4 public facilities, 5 housing projects and 1 planning study) were presented to the Community Development Advisory Board for approval in December 2025. These projects will be presented on consent agenda to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval in March 2026.

Subrecipients will be required to attend mandatory technical assistance workshops. During these workshops, subrecipients will receive compliance training designed to strengthen their capacity to implement and complete 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 is now accepting applications for homes that still have damage caused by Hurricane Milton (October 2024). Milton outreach workshops were held on January 27th and 28th at two community centers; Pine Hills Multicultural Center and the John Bridges Center. Information regarding this was shared on local news outlets, social media posts and at the Mayor's open house on January 24th.

For more information on the program, please click the link: [Orange County – Disaster Recovery Program for Hurricane Milton](#)

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

Spectrum 13 Interview



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.
- **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
- **January 27-28, 2026:** Outreach meetings for Orange County Recovery for Hurricane Milton
- **Early 2026:** (Tentative) Program Implementation

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

Stay Tuned!

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