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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - November 28, 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.

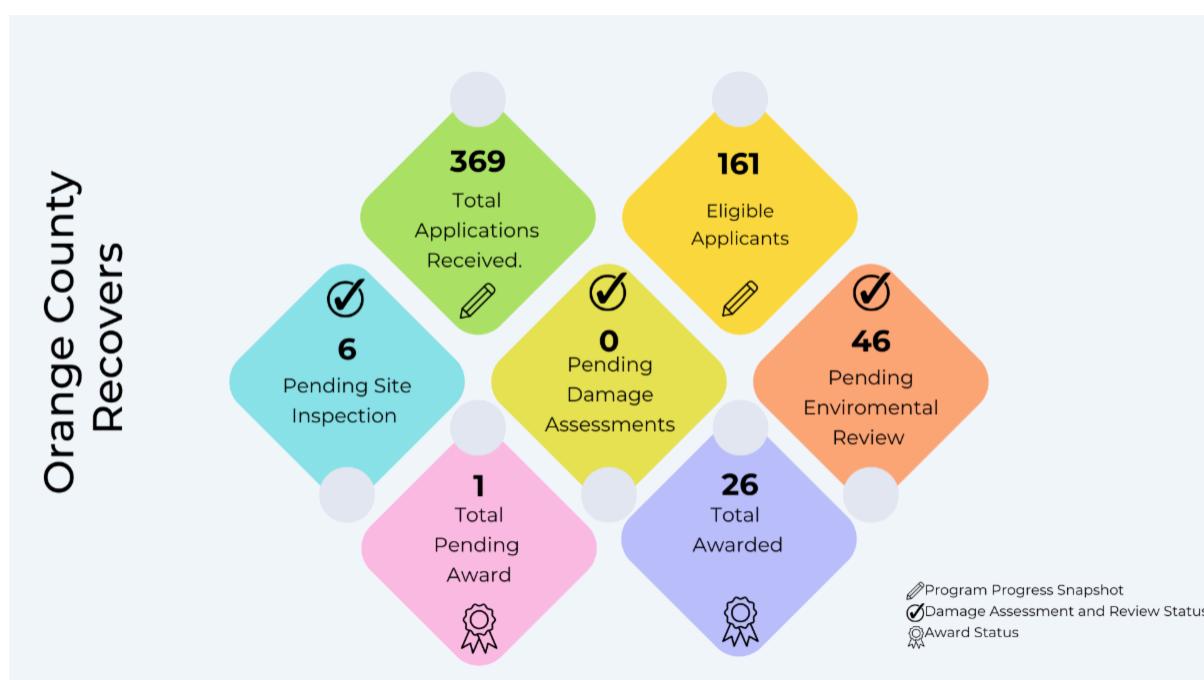
Please visit our website at [www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR](http://www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR) for more information about the CDBG-DR Program, timeline, and other related information.

## Orange County Recovers Updates

Orange County continues to make progress on implementing the CDBG-DR Orange County Recovers program in response to Hurricane Ian. We are excited to announce that the Orange County Recovers program has begun awarding funds to eligible residents for home repairs and rehabilitation. With more than 360 applications received, we are proud to share that these applications are progressing, and construction on approved projects will begin soon. Permit applications are already being submitted to local building departments. Stay tuned for updates in future newsletters as we continue to move these projects forward.

If your home was damaged by Hurricane Ian and you still have unmet repair needs, now is the time to apply. Visit [OrangeCountyRecovers.com](http://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.



## RFA for Public Facilities Update

The next phase of Orange County recovery focuses on Public Facilities and Housing projects that support low to moderate income individuals and households, special needs and supportive housing initiatives. The application period closed on October 10, with Orange County receiving a total of 12 submissions: 10 Public Facility proposals and 2 Planning Study proposals. We have begun the review and scoring process for all applications. Submissions came from nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities, Orange County government departments, and local quasi-governmental agencies, and will be evaluated by a designated committee. The

committee's recommendations will be presented to the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB), followed by review by the Board of County Commissioners early next year. Subrecipient agreements will be executed with the selected organizations after final approval.

## CDBG-DR Hurricane Milton Program Update

Orange County is moving forward with the CDBG-DR program for Hurricane Milton recovery. HUD approved the County's Action Plan on July 3, 2025, and the Grant Agreement was executed on July 22, 2025, securing federal funding to support long-term recovery efforts. Earlier, on November 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved a contract with Horne LLP to provide grant management services and administer the Orange County Recovers program for homeowners affected by Hurricane Ian. On January 16, 2025, HUD allocated \$33,357,000 in CDBG-DR funding for Hurricane Milton recovery. To incorporate these new funds, the Housing & Community Development Division sought BCC approval on November 18, 2025, to amend the existing Horne contract.

Following these actions, the County is updating program policies and procedures for the Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation, and Planning programs to ensure compliance with Hurricane Milton requirements. These programs are expected to launch later this year, with updates shared as implementation progresses. More information is available at [www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR](http://www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR)



## CDBG-DR Timeline

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

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## Hurricane Milton

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- **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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