

CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Community Meeting Summary October 10, 2023



Grand Avenue Neighborhood Center - 6 p.m.
800 Grand St.
Orlando, FL 32805

Persons in attendance:
16

Comments/Concerns/Clarifications

- **Funding:** CDBG-DR funds can be used to serve qualified city residents and/or qualified areas located within a municipality (such as City of Orlando).
- **Community engagement:** CDBG-DR community meetings were advertised on the project website, through the County's social media, by Commissioners' Offices, at the libraries, neighborhood centers for families, and local chambers of commerce.
- **New housing construction:** It can be argued that Hurricane Ian made an existing affordable housing crisis worst; additionally, special needs housing (for seniors, homeless, persons with disabilities) is always needed and is in high demand.
- **Flooding:** The following areas were listed as affected by floods—I-Drive, Isle of Catalina, Bonnie Brook community, Orlo Vista, and Oakridge. The County needs to solicit input from those areas regarding the flooding damages.
- **Mitigation:** Flood forecasting could be part of mitigation.
- **Public services/childcare:** Such services, or similar services, can potentially be subsidized for qualified families; subsidies are likely to be funded through a nonprofit (such as 4Cs).
- **Public services/transportation:** Direct subsidies for transportation related expenditures (such as loss of a vehicle) are not likely to be funded with CDBG-DR dollars.
- **Job training and placement:** Finding qualified contractors might be a challenge. The County needs to invest into a contractors' training program.
- **Additional service needs:** Homeowner insurance assistance /and education.

Priorities Identified

HOUSING - 18

- New construction - 6
- Homeownership assistance - 2
- Rental assistance - 3
- Rehabilitation/Reconstruction - 7
- Property buyout - 0

INFRASTRUCTURE - 11

- Public facilities - 1
- Drainage/Utilities - 6
- Water and wastewater facilities - 4
- Other - 0

ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION - 1

- Business retention program(s) - 0
- Loans and grants to businesses - 1

PUBLIC SERVICES - 8

- Legal assistance - 2
- Housing counseling - 1
- Mental/Health services - 2
- Housing stability services - 1
- Job training/Placement - 2
- Other - 0

