

# CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Community Meeting Summary October 17, 2023



Goldenrod Recreation Center - 6 p.m.  
4863 N. Goldenrod Rd .  
Winter Park, FL 32792

Persons in attendance:  
14

## Comments/Concerns/Clarifications

- **Housing:** Housing rehabilitation is essential to preserve what we already have in place.
- **Community/Dockside:** Need oversight to ensure HOA dues are used for disaster prep. Drainage pumps were not prepared/serviced prior to Hurricane Ian. Pump station failed during the storm pushing more water into the Dockside condos. Extensive damage to first floor condos; significant increases in monthly fees to repair.
- **Infrastructure:** Need improved drainage and underground power lines. Some communities experience power outages even during regular rain events. Orange County does not own electric utilities; however, concerns and suggestions will be share with energy providers.
- **Pre-disaster:** Communities need to initiate disaster planning. With Hurricane Ian, communities that never before flooded had flood issues. Disaster preparedness (checklist of items) is important—water needs to be drained from ponds, pumps need to be inspected/checked, etc.
- **Post-disaster:** Need to better inform the public about flooded roads within communities, not just major roadways. Suggest posting updates and maps online, etc. Road flooding limits access to helpful resources.
- **Public services:** Many residents are seniors who are now experiencing housing instability (Dockside condos). County requested a list of seniors (home owners and renters) impacted. Potentially, CDBG-DR funding can be used to assist. Additional service needs—housing stability, legal counseling and mental health counseling.
- **Businesses:** Prioritize funding for businesses that provide essential services and address basic needs (food delivery, etc.)



## Priorities Identified

### HOUSING - 9

- New construction - 1
- Homeownership assistance - 0
- Rental assistance - 3
- Rehabilitation/Reconstruction - 3
- Property buyout - 1
- Other - 1

### INFRASTRUCTURE - 4

- Pubic facilities - 0
- Drainage/Utilities - 4
- Water and wastewater facilities - 0
- Other - 0

### ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION - 0

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

### PUBLIC SERVICES - 1

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

