

PUBLIC NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) ACTION PLAN

Representatives from the Orange County Housing and Community Development Division and the Community Development Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the Cypress Room located at 201 S. Rosalind Ave., Orlando, Florida 32801 to receive citizen comments on the proposed amendments to the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan. The CDBG-DR Action Plan summarizes unmet needs in areas of infrastructure, public facilities, mitigation, housing and economic development related to the long-term recovery from the effects of Hurricane Ian. The proposed amendments are listed below.

- **Overall Budget Adjustments:** The proposed budget revisions reflect the status of the CDBG-DR program based on responses to Request For Applications (RFA) and community response to the Orange County Recovers Program. These changes will not negatively affect applicants currently in the pipeline, as funding remains available to serve all eligible beneficiaries.
- **Housing Program Funding:** The Housing Programs allocation will decrease from approximately 37% to 32% of the total CDBG-DR allocation, representing a reduction of \$11,190,749. This adjustment is primarily the result of lower than anticipated demand for the Rental Housing Rehabilitation Program, which was established to assist rental property owners whose properties sustained substantial damage from Hurricane Ian. Despite extensive outreach the program remains undersubscribed.
- **Infrastructure and Public Facilities:** Funding for the Infrastructure and Public Facilities Program will increase by \$11,995,599, bringing the program allocation to approximately 45% of the total CDBG-DR award. This increase reflects the significant interest and demand from Orange County, local municipalities, and nonprofit organizations for projects that both repair damage caused by Hurricane Ian and strengthen community resilience through the development of more durable public infrastructure and facilities. This activity is fully committed.
- **Mitigation Program:** Funding for the Mitigation Program will increase from **\$28,658,000 to \$31,646,742** to address the growing need for mitigation activities throughout Orange County. This increase reflects the significant demand for projects that reduce future disaster risk and strengthen community resilience. This activity is fully committed.
- **Rental Assistance Program Clarification:** The proposed elimination of the stand-alone Rental Assistance Program (\$150,000) does not reduce the availability of temporary housing assistance. Instead, these funds will be incorporated into the Single-Family Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program, where eligible homeowners receive Temporary Relocation Assistance while their homes undergo rehabilitation or reconstruction. This amendment clarifies how these services are administered rather than changing the intended use of the funds.
- **New Affordable Housing Construction Program:** The New Affordable Housing Construction Program will be renamed the **Affordable Housing Acquisition, Construction, and Rehabilitation Program** to more accurately reflect the full range of eligible activities. While the original program focused solely on new construction, the proposed revision expands the program to include acquisition and rehabilitation activities. This change better addresses current community needs by supporting the preservation of existing affordable housing while continuing to increase the supply of affordable housing.
- **Public Services Program:** Funding for the Public Services Program will decrease from **\$7,000,000 to \$6,375,665** to reflect the reduced need for disaster-related public services since Hurricane Ian made landfall in 2022. While public service needs were greatest during the immediate recovery period, demand for these activities has naturally declined as recovery efforts have progressed.
- **Planning Program:** Funding for the Planning Program will decrease from **\$5,000,000 to \$1,830,743** to reflect lower than anticipated demand for planning activities. The revised budget more accurately aligns available funding with the planning needs identified through the Request for Applications (RFA) process. The remaining Planning funds have been fully committed to eligible planning projects that will strengthen long-term disaster preparedness, recovery planning, and community resilience.

The Amendment to the CDBG-DR Action Plan will be presented for Board of County Commissioners' approval. The Amendment to the CDBG-DR Action Plan will be available for review and comment from Friday, August 28, 2026, through Sunday, September 27, 2026, on the CDBG-DR Program website at www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR. The amended document will also be available for review at the following locations: Orlando Public Library Main Branch, Third Floor, located at 101 East Central Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32801; and at the Housing and Community Development Division's office located at 525 East South Street, Orlando, FL 32801. For more information about the CDBG-DR Program, please visit the program website at www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR. Comments regarding the amendment should be submitted to:

Housing and Community Development Division
Attn: CDBG-DR Action Plan – Public Comments
525 E. South Street, Orlando, Florida 32801
Email: Disaster.Recovery@ocfl.net
407-836-5150

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