

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY – INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT  
TO ALL INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS, AGENCIES AND PERSONS**

**FOR FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM:  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (B23-UC-12-0003) (CFDA 14.218)  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM  
PLANNING PROGRAM**

Orange County, through its Housing and Community Development Division, is soliciting applications for the Infrastructure and Public Facilities Program, to include Mitigation, and Planning Program, to be implemented as part of the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program. Following Hurricane Ian, Orange County received a total of \$219,712,000 in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds (CDBG-DR), to include \$191,054,000 for unmet needs and \$28,658,000 for mitigation, to address community impacts and damages associated with Hurricane Ian. The County, with input from County Departments and Divisions, local municipalities, advocacy groups and community partners, as well as citizens, has completed an Action Plan for Disaster Recovery. The CDBG-DR Action Plan provides a high-level strategy for how the funding will be used to address eligible communities' long-term resiliency and mitigation needs.

To advance implementation of programs and strategies proposed in the approved CDBG-DR Action Plan, the County will make the following funding available for eligible projects and activities, in accordance with the CDBG-DR Program budget: \$59,322,240 for infrastructure and public facilities projects; \$28,658,000 for mitigation projects; and \$5,000,000 for planning studies. Eligible applicants include Orange County Departments and Divisions and local municipalities.

The Request for Applications (RFA) process will begin on Tuesday, **December 10, 2024**, and will end on Wednesday, **January 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** for Orange County Departments and Divisions and local municipalities. Proposals will be reviewed by an evaluation committee for consistency with federal regulations, unmet needs and priorities detailed in the CDBG-DR Action Plan, feasibility of the project(s), and other criteria outlined in the RFA.

As required by federal guidelines, Orange County has in place a framework for evaluating the risks posed by the projects before they receive federal awards. This evaluation incorporates criteria related to project need, agency competency, budget justifications, project feasibility, and implementation plan and outcomes.

Proposals are specifically requested for the following categories:

1. **Infrastructure and Public Facilities Projects, including Mitigation Projects** – Funding for capital improvement projects and infrastructure projects in low-income areas/projects benefiting low-income populations, to include projects in traditionally underserved communities. Except for mitigation-only projects, all proposed projects must demonstrate a tie-back to the Hurricane Ian event. Examples of infrastructure projects include, but are not limited to the following: flood control and drainage repair and improvements; restoration of infrastructure; demolition, rehabilitation, or construction of public facilities; acquisition, etc. Examples of mitigation projects include: flood diversion and prevention and other projects that align with federal programs that address hazard mitigation in Orange County.
2. **Planning Studies** – Funding for planning activities, to include data gathering, studies, analysis, plan preparation, and the identification of actions that will implement such plans. Examples of projects include, but are not limited to, infrastructure studies (stormwater, floodplain studies); resilience and sustainability studies; mitigations studies, etc.

**The mandatory pre-award technical assistance workshops** will be conducted in person on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024**, at the Orange County Administration Building (Commission Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor) located at 201 S. Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The workshops will be conducted as follows:

- Applications for CDBG-DR Infrastructure and Public Facilities/Mitigation Projects – 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.;
- Applications for CDBG-DR Planning Studies– 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The workshops will provide technical assistance and information about the program requirements, funding criteria for project submissions, and details about the application process. Organizations interested in submitting proposals are required to attend the workshop(s). To confirm attendance, please e-mail [Victoria.Colon@ocfl.net](mailto:Victoria.Colon@ocfl.net).

The link to access the Application is:  
<http://www.ocfl.net/NeighborsHousing/CommunityDevelopment.aspx>

The application must be completed and submitted online through ZoomGrants™. No paper copies will be accepted. If you experience difficulty finding the RFA in ZoomGrants, please contact: [Inabert.Ramos@ocfl.net](mailto:Inabert.Ramos@ocfl.net) for additional information and assistance.

All funding recommendations are contingent upon the Board of County Commissioner's approval and HUD's final approval of the selected projects. Orange County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications, and to fund applications that best serve the interest of Orange County. If you have additional questions about the RFA process and requirements, please contact Sherry Julien, CDBG-DR Project Manager, at (407) 836-5169, or via email at [Sherry.Julien@ocfl.net](mailto:Sherry.Julien@ocfl.net).

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*La Sección 286.0105 de los Estatutos de la Florida establece que si una persona decide apelar cualquier decisión tomada por una junta, agencia o comisión con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en una reunión o audiencia, necesitará un registro de los procedimientos y que, para tal fin, es posible que deba asegurarse de que se haga un registro literal de los procedimientos. cuyo expediente incluye los testimonios y las pruebas en que se basará la apelación.*

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