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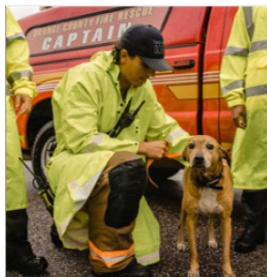


MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - September 30, 2024

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. 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.

To achieve this, a monthly newsletter containing the latest CDBG-DR program updates will be released on the last calendar day of each month. We encourage you to share this newsletter with your friends, family, colleagues, and anyone else who, you believe, might benefit from this information. This month, we are focusing on the CDBG-DR Planning Studies Program.

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



Orange County is preparing to roll out the CDBG-DR Planning Program through a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process. Orange County has set aside a total of \$5,000,000 (2.3% of the total CDBG-DR allocation) for Planning Activities. The funding will be available to Orange County Departments and Divisions, local jurisdictions, and other units of government to fund the costs of data gathering, studies, analysis, preparation of plans, and additional planning efforts that may result in the establishment of recovery and resiliency priorities and activities or support the design and implementation of the County’s CDBG-DR programs. Refer to [24CFR 570.205](#) for more eligible activities.

This program will focus on developing comprehensive strategies to address the County's unique challenges and opportunities post-disaster, to ultimately support the County’s programs, services, neighborhoods, and communities.

More information will be available on Orange County’s CDBG-DR website: [HERE](#) (information will be posted in 2-3 weeks).

CDBG-DR PROGRAM BUDGET

The table below outlines the total remaining unmet needs and funding allocations per program for the CDBG-DR grant.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Remaining Unmet Needs</u>	<u>% of Unmet Needs</u>	<u>Program Allocation</u>	<u>% of Program Funds</u>
Housing <i>(rehab & new housing construction)</i>	\$253,300,768	59.31%	\$108,746,160	49.5%
Infrastructure & Public Facilities	\$160,700,743	37.63%	\$59,322,240	27%
Mitigation	\$0	N/A	\$28,658,000	13%
Economic Revitalization	\$13,047,152	3.06%	\$0	0%
Public Services <i>(includes economic recovery activities)</i>	-	N/A	\$7,000,000	3.2%
Administration	-	N/A	\$10,985,600	5%
Planning <i>(studies)</i>	-	N/A	\$5,000,000	2.3%
TOTAL	\$427,048,663	100%	\$219,712,000	100%

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

The Orange County Community Conference will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at the Orange County Multicultural Center. The conference provides Orange County residents an opportunity to learn about innovative ways to improve neighborhoods. Workshops offer a well-

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Please visit the community conference website [HERE](#) for more information.

See you there!

Orange County Multicultural Center

7149 W Colonial Drive, Orlando 32818

Saturday, October 12, 2024

Doors Open – 7:30am

Conference Day – 8:00am – 2:00pm



HURRICANE SEASON 2024 - STAY PREPARED!

Hurricane season runs through November 30, emphasizing the importance of staying prepared. Storms can arise suddenly, and having a solid emergency plan is vital for your safety. Be sure to stock up on necessary supplies and keep informed with trustworthy weather updates. By taking these steps, you can better safeguard yourself and your loved ones during a hurricane. Below are some helpful Disaster Preparedness Resources.

Visit [Ready.gov](#) to learn what actions to take in the event of a hurricane watch or a severe weather alert in your area.

Orange County Office of Emergency Management

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<https://www.orangecountyfl.net/EmergencySafety.aspx>

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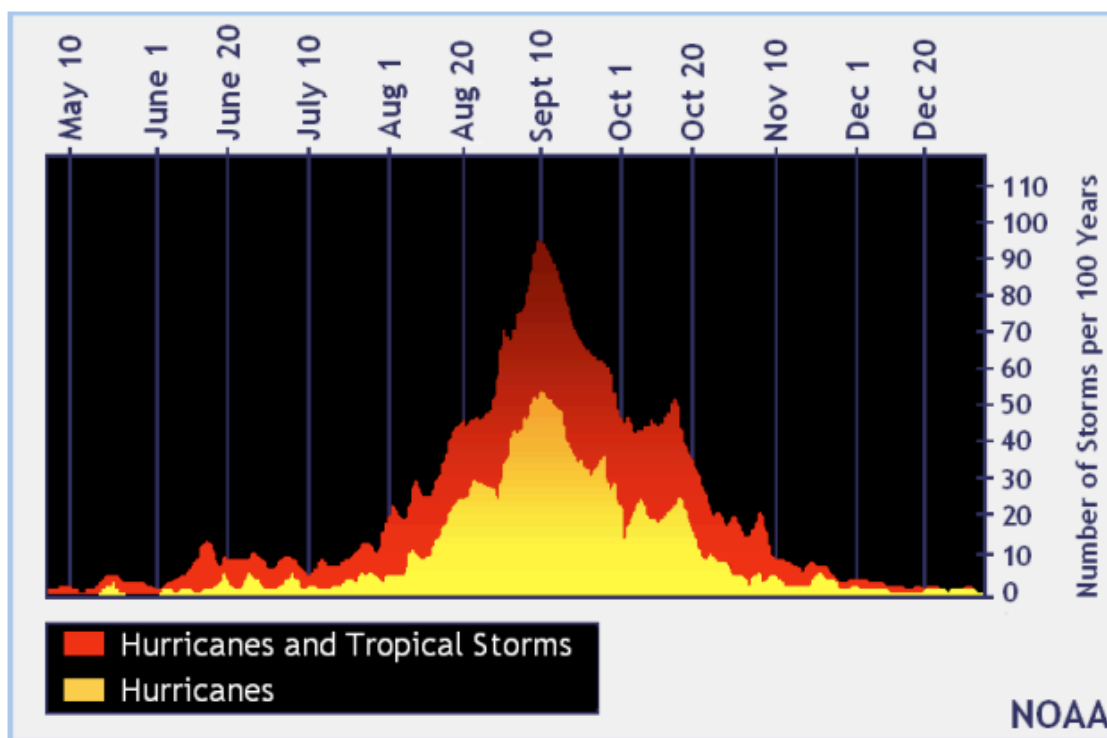
Phone: (850) 815-4000

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/>**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

Phone: (800) 621-3362

<https://www.fema.gov/>

For disaster assistance, please visit <https://www.disasterassistance.gov> or call the direct line at (844) 875-6446.



CDBG-DR TIMELINE

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

- **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.

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- **November 2024 (Tentative):** Notice of Funding Availability will be posted for the CDBG-DR Infrastructure & Public Facilities (first round of funding = for local municipalities and County departments and divisions), Planning Studies, and Public Services programs. Pre-Award Technical Assistance workshops will be held on the RFA process.
- **Late November 2024 (Tentative):** Requests for Applications (RFA) for Infrastructure & Public Facilities, Planning Studies, and Public Services programs to open for local municipalities, local jurisdictions, other units of government, and non-profit agencies (Public Services RFA).
- **Early 2025 (Tentative):** Agreements for approved Infrastructure & Public Facilities, Planning Studies, and Public Services programs will be issued; 2nd RFA under the infrastructure & Public Facilities Program to open for non-profit organizations; Applications for the Housing program will open.

More information will be available in our next newsletter, coming soon!

Stay Tuned!

Help us spread the word about CDBG-DR

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Questions? Thoughts? Suggestions?

We're here to help! Contact us here:

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