

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Notice: 3/25/2025
Orange County
201 S. Rosalind Ave.,
Orlando, FL 32801

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Orange County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 10th, 2025, Orange County will submit a request to FloridaCommerce for the release of Federally Funded Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG) MIT-131 funds under Public Law (P.L.) 115-123 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, and Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Approved February 9, 2018), and P.L. 116-20 Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2019 (approved June 6, 2019), Division B, Subdivision 1 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, P.L. 115-56, the “Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018” as amended, to undertake a project known as OCU Pine Hills Master Pump Station 3000 Improvements for the purpose of Orange County Utilities Department will be rehabilitating the existing wastewater pump station at 4799 Deauville Drive, Orlando, FL 32808. This pump station service area is 1447.2 acres and includes sections of Pine Hills, Orlo Vista, unincorporated Orange County, and Orlando in Orange County. Currently, the existing pump station does not have sufficient capacity to convey wastewater flows due to inflow and infiltration during the wet season, lacks back-up power to withstand power outages during severe storm events, and has many components that have surpassed their useful life and have become susceptible to failure. The improvements include the construction of a new dual-chamber wet well with six (6) new submersible pumps, discharge piping and valves; the installation of a new force main and gravity system; the construction of a new electrical building with new electrical and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) panels; the installation of new generator and fuel tank system; construction of a new odor control equipment; and an updated site layout. This project is receiving \$2,726,000.00 in United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Mitigation funding, with Orange County contributing an estimated \$2,516,000.00 in leveraged funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Orange County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Orange County, Utilities Department office located at 9150 Curry Ford Road, Orlando Florida 32825, where ERR can be examined and is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8A.M to 5P.M. Request onsite for Alisa Torres (Ext. 4-9648), Damaris Noriega (Ext. 4-9538), or David Arms (Ext-4-9694).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Damaris Noriega, Engineer II, Orange County Utilities Department, 9150 Curry Ford Road, Orlando, FL 32825.

Comments may also be submitted via email at Damaris.Noriega@ocfl.net. All comments received by 04/09/2025; will be considered by Orange County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Orange County certifies to FloridaCommerce that Byron W. Brooks, AICP, in his capacity as County Administrator consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. FloridaCommerce's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Orange County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

FloridaCommerce will accept objections to its release of funds and Orange County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Orange County; (b) Orange County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by State of Florida, Department of Commerce; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to FloridaCommerce at 107 E. Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399. Potential objectors should contact FloridaCommerce to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator