

# CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Community Meeting Summary September 28, 2023



John Bridges Community Center - 6 p.m.

445 W. 13th Street  
Apopka, FL 32703

Persons in attendance:

38

## Comments/Concerns

- **Affected areas:** Bithlo, Orlo Vista, College Park, Lockhart.
- **General comments:** flooding on 13th Street; tree cutting in the area; homeless problems in the area.
- **Funding:** there must be transparency in how CDBG-DR funds are distributed on different programs/activities.
- **Pre-disaster:** Tree removal prior to a storm is important; need programs to inform residents about evacuation plans, shelters, etc. (note: not everyone has access to digital information).
- **Post-disaster:** public cooling centers are needed during power outages; need to establish a system for debris removal for seniors and vulnerable populations; post-disaster social services.
- **Post-disaster issues** include: repair of traffic signals; trouble w/traffic patterns; evacuation plans; generators shut down; sewage on the streets.
- **Emergency management services**— need more pre/post-disaster community awareness for residents.
- **Special needs populations:** need homeless shelters for families, day drop-in shelters; further develop assistance for homeless.
- **Housing:** need to mitigate/elevate low areas/flood-prone areas; mobile home rehabilitation; need for affordable housing in more rural areas of the County; rehab of damaged housing stock.
- **Area concerns (Apopka):** Can making area improvements potentially price people out? Preservation of wetlands and recharge areas can aid in flood prevention; undocumented individuals are not likely to seek assistance.
- **Infrastructure:** clogs in sewer lines lead to increased flooding even during regular rain events; on-going maintenance is needed.
- **Homeowner insurance:** people are being priced out of their homes due to insurance cost increases.

## Priorities Identified

### HOUSING - 32

- New construction - 4
- Homeownership assistance - 5
- Rental assistance - 8
- Rehabilitation/Reconstruction - 15

### INFRASTRUCTURE - 20

- Public facilities - 15
- Road and bridges repairs - 2
- Water and wastewater facilities - 3

### ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION - 2

- Job training - 1
- Loans and grants to businesses - 1

### PUBLIC SERVICES - 8

- Legal assistance - 3
- Housing counseling - 2
- Utilities assistance - 3

