

CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

Community Meeting Summary

October 16, 2023



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT
DISASTER RECOVERY**

Bithlo Community Center - 6 p.m.
18501 Washington Ave.
Orlando, FL 32820

Persons in attendance:
3

Comments/Concerns/Clarifications

- **Funding:** Disaster recovery funding needed for renters; many residents/renters not eligible for FEMA assistance.
- **Mitigation:** 6th Street needs a lower speed limit; installation of street lights, sidewalks repairs.
- **Infrastructure:** Street drainage, water & sewer infrastructure improvements needed; need county water lines in some areas.
- **Pre-disaster:** Consider disaster supply drive to provide non-perishable food, batteries, generators for low-income persons who might have difficulties accessing those items after a storm (due to flooded roads, lack of transportation).
- **Post-disaster:** Restoration of power lines/water is essential. Loss of power means no water as wells are electric. Power companies are not responsible for repair of power lines on private property. Additionally, need tree trimming and garbage pickup post storms.
- **Housing:** Need affordable housing; construction, replacement, relocation and rehab of mobile /manufactured homes. Housing stock in the area is mostly trailers/mobile homes.
- **Housing (special needs):** Need an east Orlando homeless shelter; consider repurposing the Covenant House facility.
- **Public services:** Need a mental health center in East Orlando. Consider funding "street psychology" services to diagnose, prescribe medication, and medically stabilize homeless persons with mental illness so they can better access shelter & services.
- **Businesses:** Prioritize funding for businesses that provide basic needs; groceries, pharmacies, etc. Suggestion to create a warehouse to produce manufactured homes.



Priorities Identified

HOUSING - 4

- New construction - 1
- Homeownership assistance - 1
- Rental assistance - 2
- Rehabilitation/Reconstruction - 0
- Property buyout - 0
- Other - 0

INFRASTRUCTURE - 3

- Public facilities - 1
- Drainage/Utilities - 1
- Water and wastewater facilities - 1
- Other - 0

ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION - 0

- Business retention program(s) - 0
- Loans and grants to businesses - 0

PUBLIC SERVICES - 2

- Legal assistance - 0
- Housing counseling - 1
- Mental/Health services - 1
- Housing stability services - 0
- Job training/Placement - 0
- Other - 0

