



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - May 29th, 2026

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. Additionally, the County received an allocation of \$33 million to address the remaining needs resulting from Hurricane Milton.

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. We encourage you to share this newsletter with your friends, family, colleagues, and anyone else who, you believe, might benefit from this information.

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 Recovers

Applications related to Hurricane Milton are also in progress, with 16 submitted to date. If your home still has unrepaired storm damage from Hurricane Milton, please do not delay in applying. Funding for this allocation is limited, and applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-eligible basis.

For the most current updates on program progress, please visit the dashboard at www.orangecountyrecovers.com.

Program Information



Applications

488



Launched on March 5, 2025

The Orange County Recovers Program (OCRCP) provides housing assistance to eligible single-family homeowners affected by Hurricane Ian in September 2022 ("qualifying storm") and still have remaining damage. OCRCP assists property owners by providing funding to repair, reconstruct, or replace single-family homes that suffered damage from the qualifying storm. OCRCP was designed to ensure that the housing needs of the low- to moderate income homeowners, protected classes, and vulnerable populations are addressed to the greatest extent possible. The program's primary objective is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing to eligible applicants.

Workflow Status

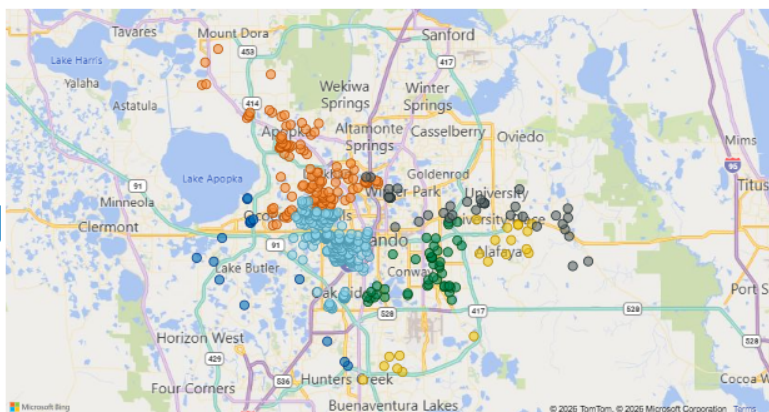


\$30,016,221.26

Budget

District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5 District 6 In Progress \$0.00 Expensed

① Choose your district by clicking the district box- this will display information specific to your district. Double click the box to return to the overall program information.



Award Information



Don't wait — apply today and be part of the recovery.

Orange County Recovers

REMINDER

: If you have previously applied for the Orange County Recovers program, you can check your application status online

or call 321-382-3514

Hurricane Season

Hurricane Season is from June 1st - November 30th

How to Prepare:

Visit **Ready.gov** to learn what actions to take in the event of a hurricane watch or alert in your area.

- Create a family emergency communication plan
- Prepare a disaster supply kit
- Know the local hurricane evacuation route and shelter locations
- Protect your home

See details below regarding the annual Orange County Hurricane Expo open to the public



The poster features a dramatic background of a hurricane swirling over a dark sea under a stormy, orange-hued sky. At the top, the Orange County Florida logo and the Orange County Fire Rescue Department logo are displayed. The main title 'ORANGE COUNTY HURRICANE EXPO' is prominently shown in large, bold, white letters, with 'POWER OF PREPAREDNESS' written below it. The event details, including the date 'June 20, 2026', time '9 A.M. – 1 P.M.', and location 'OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, 700 W Oak Ridge Rd, Orlando Florida 32809', are listed in white text. A section titled 'EXPO HIGHLIGHTS:' features four red boxes with white text, each accompanied by a small image: a meteorologist, a hurricane trailer, emergency responders, and preparedness supplies. At the bottom, contact information is provided in white text.

ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

**ORANGE COUNTY
HURRICANE
EXPO**

POWER OF PREPAREDNESS

June 20, 2026 - 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.
OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
700 W Oak Ridge Rd, Orlando Florida 32809

EXPO HIGHLIGHTS:

-  **2026 hurricane predictions with National Weather Service meteorologist Brendan Schaper**
-  **Learn how to survive a hurricane and receive great safety tips**
-  **Speak one-on-one with emergency responders and safety vendors**
-  **Get your FREE preparedness items while supplies last**

For more information: Call **407-836-9083** • OEMHurricaneExpo@ocfl.net

Public Services

Public Service agencies funded under CDBG-DR and currently assisting Orange County residents affected by Hurricane Ian are as follows:

- **Christian Service Center:** emergency food, clothing, showers, laundry, and homeless prevention program.
- **Catholic Charities:** mental health services for low-income individuals
- **Coalition for the Homeless:** short term shelter and permanent housing, educational programs, community outreach, veteran services, and health initiatives,

etc.

- **Habitat for Humanity**: financial literacy education and housing counseling
- **Hope CommUnity Center**: educational and school assistance, referral to CommUnity health centers, emergency food supplies, summer camps, parenting/family classes, etc.
- **IMPOWER** : outpatient mental health telehealth services
- **Operation New Hope**: community outreach, case management, mental health counseling, transitional housing, and job training and placement
- **SALT Outreach**: mobile drop-in centers and street outreach, and case management to disaster impacted homeless individuals
- **United Against Poverty**: mobile facility to provide assistance to low income individuals through food, household items, crisis counseling, referrals, etc.

Orange County residents are encouraged to contact these organizations directly if assistance is needed.



Habitat for Humanity's financial literacy classes and housing counseling

Infrastructure and Mitigation

CDBG-DR-funded infrastructure and mitigation projects involving local municipalities and Orange County departments and divisions have been approved by the Board of County Commissioners. These projects focus on infrastructure improvements and mitigation efforts aimed at protecting areas impacted by Hurricane Ian and reducing the risk of damage from future storms.

Current Infrastructure and Mitigation projects are listed below:

- **City of Ocoee**: drainage improvements for communities in the western portion of the Lake Lotta Basin Project.
- **City of Orlando**: replacement of 13 defunct drainage wells and addition of baffle boxes to protect water quality
- **City of Orlando**: replacing existing drainage system with modern closed drainage system, installation of stormwater pipes, and construction of sidewalks and resurfacing of roadway

- **City of Orlando:** construction to increase the capacity of underperforming stormwater system in Richmond Heights.
- **City of Winter Garden:** flood mitigation in East Winter Garden area including installing additional inlets and upgrading storm water infrastructure.
- **City of Winter Park:** new pump station at Ravaudage and upgrading pumpstation at Wymore.
- **Town of Eatonville:** expansion of existing wetland for increased stormwater storage in combination with increasing number of downstream outfall pipes, and replacing storm-damaged walkways, trails, boardwalks and other infrastructure.
- **Orange County Public Works:** constructing a new stormwater pump stations to discharge into adjacent wetlands withing the Bonnie Brook Subdivision
- **Orange County Public Works:** improving the structural integrity of the Long Lake Pump Station infrastructure to enhance the flood resilience of the community being served by the pump station.
- **Orange County Public Works:** mitigate flooding within the Verona Park Subdivision and adjacent community by reshaping the Azalea Park Canal east of the pump station and constructing two new overflow weirs.
- **Orange County Utilities:** Mitigate flooding in the Orlo Vista area by pumping excess stormwater from the lake/pond system into the adjacent headwaters of Shingle Creek then flow through the creek before being withdrawn at the South Water Reclamation Facility.

Please stay tuned for additional updates as these projects progress thru the implementation stages.



Public Facilities

The second phase of Orange County's recovery efforts focuses on Public Facilities and Housing projects, carried out in partnership with nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities.

Following the Request for Applications (RFA) process conducted at the end of last year, 11 applications were approved, including three (3) housing projects, six (6) non-profit public facilities projects, and one (1) planning study. The selected agencies are required to complete a Risk and Capacity Assessment Review of their organizations and participate in mandatory technical assistance trainings, one of which was held on April 28–29. Successful completion of these requirements is necessary before a subrecipient agreement can be executed.

Keep an eye out for updates on these projects.

CDBG-DR Hurricane Milton Program

Orange County Recovers have begun accepting applications for homes that were damage during Hurricane Milton in 2024. This process will follow the same steps as the Hurricane Ian application process.

The application portal is currently open and accepting applications for both Ian and Milton. Please click the link to [Apply - Orange County Recovers Program](#)

Request for Applications (RFA) under Hurricane Milton will commence later this year for the following programs:

- Infrastructure and Public Facilities

- Mitigation
- Public Services
- Planning Studies

Please stay tuned to our website and newsletter for updates.

CDBG-DR Timeline

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

Hurricane Ian

- **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.
- **Summer 2024:** Program policies and procedures are being developed for the Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs.
- **December 5 & 8 2024:** Notice of Funding Availability was posted for the CDBG-DR Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs.
- **December 10, 2024:** Request for Applications (RFA) for Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs opened.
- **December 11, 2024:** Mandatory Pre-Award Technical Assistance workshops held on the RFA process.
- **January 6, 2025:** The CDBG-DR General Grant Management Services contract was issued.
- **February 5, 2025:** RFAs for Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning Studies programs to close.
- **March 4, 2025:** RFA for the Public Services program opened for qualified non-profit organizations.
- **March 5, 2025:** Applications for the Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction program opened.
- **March 13, 2025:** Mandatory Pre-Award Technical Assistance Workshop for Public Services RFA.
- **April 2, 2025:** RFA for the Public Services program will close.
- **April 11, 2025:** Request for Proposals (RFP) for general contractors to open.
- **May 21, 2025:** The Community Development Advisory Board approved funding recommendations for Public Services totaling \$3,406,904.
- **May 23, 2025:** RFP for general contractors closed.
- **June 3, 2025:** The BCC approved funding for the Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning Studies programs totaling \$85,434,862.
- **August 25-26:** Mandatory Subrecipient Training --- O.C. Depts/Divisions & Local Municipalities (Infrastructure and Public Facilities)
- **August 27, 2025:** Release of Requests for Applications for Public Facilities and Housing Projects (for non-profit agencies and PHAs) and Planning Studies (the County, local municipalities, and quasi-governmental agencies).
- **September 4, 2025:** Mandatory Pre-Award Technical Assistance workshop to be held on the RFA process.

- **October 10, 2025:** Application window for Public Facilities and Housing Projects (for non-profit agencies and PHAs) and Planning Studies (the County, local municipalities, and quasi-governmental agencies closes).
- **October 30, 2025:** Mandatory Public Services Subrecipient Training -- Non-Profit Organization (Public Services)
- **January 27, 2026:** Subrecipient agreements brought to the BCC for final approval for Public Services.
- **February 10, 2026:** Subrecipient agreements brought to the BCC for final approval for Public Services and Infrastructure/Mitigation
- **March 10, 2026:** Subrecipient agreements brought to the BCC for final approval for Infrastructure and Mitigation
- **March 18th, 2026:** Technical Service training for monitoring and regulatory requirements for Public Services subrecipients
- **March 25th, 2026:** Technical Service training for monitoring and regulatory requirements for Infrastructure and Planning
- **April 28th - 29th:** Mandatory Public Facilities and Housing Subrecipient Training -- Non-Profit Organizations and Government Entities
- **2nd Quarter 2026 (Tentative):** Launch Request for Proposals (RFP) for New Affordable Housing Construction

Hurricane Milton

- **April 15, 2025:** Draft Hurricane Milton Action Plan posted for public comment.
- **May 15, 2025:** Public comment period for the Hurricane Milton Action Plan to close.
- **June 3, 2025:** Public hearing for the Hurricane Milton Action Plan conducted by the BCC.
- **June 18, 2025:** Hurricane Milton Action Plan submitted to HUD for review and approval.
- **July 3, 2025:** Orange County CDBG-DR Action Plan received the final approval from HUD.
- **July 22, 2025:** Grant Agreement for CDBG-DR funds executed between Orange County and HUD.
- **November 18, 2025:** BCC approval to amend existing contract with HORNE LLP to incorporate Hurricane Milton CDBG-DR allocation
- **Fall 2025:** Update program policies and procedures for the Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs to comply with Milton requirements
- **January 27-28, 2026:** Outreach event for the Orange County Recovers Program for Hurricane Milton held at the Pine Hills Multicultural Center and the John Bridges Center.
- **2nd Quarter 2026:** (Tentative) Program Implementation. Staff is currently working on compliance with administrative requirements.

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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