



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - October 31, 2025

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 Updates

Was your home damaged by Hurricane Ian?



Orange County continues to make progress on implementing the CDBG-DR Orange County Recovers program in response to Hurricane Ian. We are excited to announce that we have begun awarding funds to Orange County residents for the repair and rehab of their homes through the Orange County Recovers program. We have received over 350 applications and are proud to be able to share that those applications are moving forward and construction on approved projects will begin shortly. The application window is still open to new applications if you sustained damage during Hurricane Ian.

If your home was damaged by Hurricane Ian and you still have unmet repair needs, now is the time to apply. Visit [OrangeCountyRecovers.com](https://www.OrangeCountyRecovers.com) or call 321-382-3514 for assistance.

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



Orange County Recovers



Keep an eye on future newsletters for more updates as construction begins for those residents who are being awarded grant funds to repair the damage to their homes from the storm.

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

Orange County Recovers

Public Services

On October 30th, we held a Subrecipient Technical Assistance Workshop for nonprofit organizations that were awarded CDBG-DR funding to implement public service programs. During the workshop, subrecipients received compliance training designed to strengthen their capacity to deliver essential services to Orange County residents. The funded public services are categorized into three main areas: self-sufficiency services, health and mental health services, and economic recovery services.

Self-sufficiency services focus on financial literacy, homelessness prevention for individuals affected by Hurricane Ian, outreach initiatives, and disaster resilience programs. Health and mental health services include a health hub for low-income residents, programs to support the mental well-being of hurricane survivors, and initiatives that promote hurricane recovery and resilience. Economic recovery services encompass relief efforts, programs that foster economic stability, outreach activities, and job training and placement opportunities.

We continue to collaborate closely with our nonprofit partners, and additional details about these services and programs will be shared in future newsletters.



RFA for Public Facilities Update

The next phase of Orange County Recovers focuses on Public Facilities and Housing projects that support low to moderate income individuals and households, special needs and supportive housing initiatives. These projects are proposed by nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities (PHAs), and through planning studies led by Orange County departments and divisions, quasi-governmental agencies, and local municipalities. The application period closed on October 10th, and we are now moving forward with the review and scoring of the proposals submitted. Applications received from nonprofit organizations, PHAs, Orange County government entities, and local quasi-governmental agencies will be reviewed by an evaluation committee. Recommendations will then be presented to the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) before they are presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the beginning of next year.

CDBG-DR Hurricane Milton Program Update

Orange County is moving forward with the CDBG-DR program for Hurricane Milton recovery. HUD approved the County's Action Plan on July 3, 2025, and the Grant Agreement was executed on July 22, securing federal funds to support long-term recovery. With these milestones complete, Orange County is currently updating the program policies and procedures for the Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation, and Planning programs to ensure compliance with Milton requirements, with the programs expected to launch later this year. Updates will be shared as the program enters implementation. Learn more at www.ocfl.net/CDBG-DR.

Hurricane Preparedness

REMINDER

HURRICANE SEASON

continues until November 30th

Please visit:

<https://www.orangecountyfl.net/emergencysafety/hurricanesafetyguide.aspx>
for helpful links and hurricane preparedness tips

How to Prepare:

Visit [Ready.gov](https://www.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



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, 2025:** 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)
- **Fall 2025 (Tentative):** Launch RFA 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.
- **Fall 2025:** Update program policies and procedures for the Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Mitigation and Planning programs to comply with Milton requirements
- **Early 2026:** (Tentative) Program Implementation

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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