



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - September 30, 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.



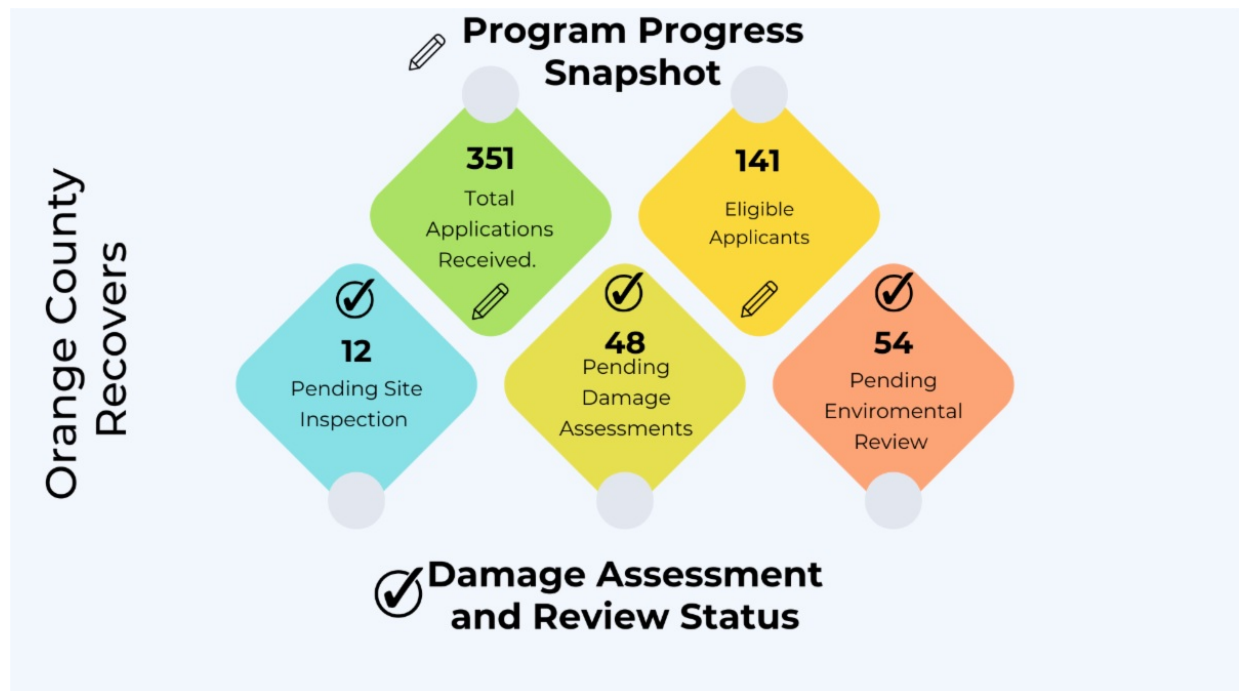
Orange County Recovers Updates



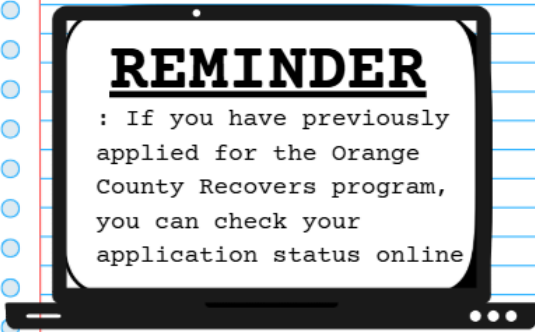
Orange County continues to make progress on implementing the CDBG-DR Orange County Recovers program in response to Hurricane Ian. We are excited to announce that we have begun awarding funds to Orange County residents for the repair and rehabilitation of their homes through the Orange County Recovers 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 housing 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



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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.

Congratulations to the very first awarded applicant of the Orange County Recovers program!



REMINDER: RFA application window— closes October 10th



On August 27, 2025, Orange County opened a request for applications (RFA) for (1) Public Facilities and Housing Projects for Non-Profit Organizations and Public Housing Authorities and (2) Planning Studies for Orange County Departments/Divisions, local municipalities, and quasi- government agencies. This application will remain open until October 10, 2025.

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 preparing to launch housing recovery, infrastructure

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 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 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.
- **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!

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