



Monthly Members Meeting

September 26th, 2023

A large, vibrant orange watercolor splash or blotch is centered on a white background. The splash has irregular, feathered edges with some darker orange and brownish tones at the bottom and sides, suggesting a liquid or paint-like texture. The word "Welcome!" is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font, centered within the orange area.

Welcome!

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Homelessness In The News, Kate Santich

Report Housing Discrimination, Brian Postlewait

Homelessness in East Orange County, Tim McKinney – United Global Outreach

Homeless Memorial, Micaela Cox - IDignity

Long-Term Recovery From Hurricane Ian, Janna Souvorova – Orange County

Culinary Training Program, Keonna Yearwood – Second Harvest

Tuition Exemption For Students Experiencing Homelessness, Ian Infante

VI-SPDAT Community Meetings, Jackie Ebert

Brighter Days Update, Valerie Perez

Announcements

In The News And Homelessness

Kate Santich



REPORT HOUSING DISCRIMINATION



How to Report Housing Discrimination

Online

You can Report Housing Discrimination with FHEO online in English or Spanish.

Email/Regular Mail

You can download or print this form (also available in Arabic, Chinese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese) and email/send it to your local FHEO office at the address on this list.

Phone

You can speak with an FHEO intake specialist by calling 1-800-669-9777 or TTY: 1-800-877-8339.

Information About Reporting Housing Discrimination

If you believe your rights may have been violated, we encourage you to report housing discrimination.

Because there are time limits on when an allegation can be filed with HUD after an alleged violation, you should report housing discrimination as soon as possible.

When reporting housing discrimination, please provide as much information as possible, including:

- Your name and address;
 - The name and address of the person(s) or organization your allegation is against;
 - The address or other identification of the housing or program involved;
 - A short description of the event(s) that cause you to believe your rights were violated;
- and

Retaliation Is Illegal--Assistance for Persons with Disabilities

It is illegal to retaliate against any person for making an allegation, testifying, assisting, or participating in any manner in a proceeding under HUD's allegation process at any time, even after the investigation has been completed. The Fair Housing Act also makes it illegal to retaliate against any person because that person reported a discriminatory practice to a housing provider or other authority. If you believe you have experienced retaliation, you can report housing discrimination.

HUD provides a toll-free teletypewriter (TTY) line: 1-800-877-8339. You can also ask for disability-related assistance when you contact FHEO, including reasonable accommodations and auxiliary aids and services.

Assistance for Persons with Limited English Proficiency

You can report housing discrimination in any language. For persons with limited English proficiency, HUD provides interpreters. HUD also provides a Spanish language version of the online report housing discrimination form. You can find descriptions of your fair housing rights in several languages other than English here.

To file a complain in other languages than English:

[https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/complaint_filing_languages
_other_english](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/complaint_filing_languages_other_english)

Homelessness In East Orange

Tim McKinney, United
Global Outreach



Central Florida Homeless Persons' Memorial Service

December 14, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

*A service of worship
remembering our homeless neighbors
who passed away in 2022*





HISTORY CENTER



Who said history is boring?
Discover more... exploring the
past through history.



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Jose Torres
Emelda Aleman
Edward Steel
Billy Samuel
John Hall
Juan N. Morales
Ray L. Lewis
John Walsh
Donald Hoffman
David Brady
George H. H.

Send names and birthdates of
individuals who experienced
homelessness and have passed away in 2023:

Micaela Cox

reservations@idignity.org

Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program





Background & Purpose

Orange County government is a recipient of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds. Orange County will receive an allocation of **\$219,712,000** to help communities in hard-hit areas recover from Hurricane Ian. **This amount includes \$191,054,000 for unmet needs and \$28,658,000 for mitigation.**



What is CDBG-DR?



CDBG-DR dollars are a flexible set of funds to carry out a wide range of activities related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation of risk.

How Can the Funds Be Used?

CDBG-DR funds can be used for activities such as:

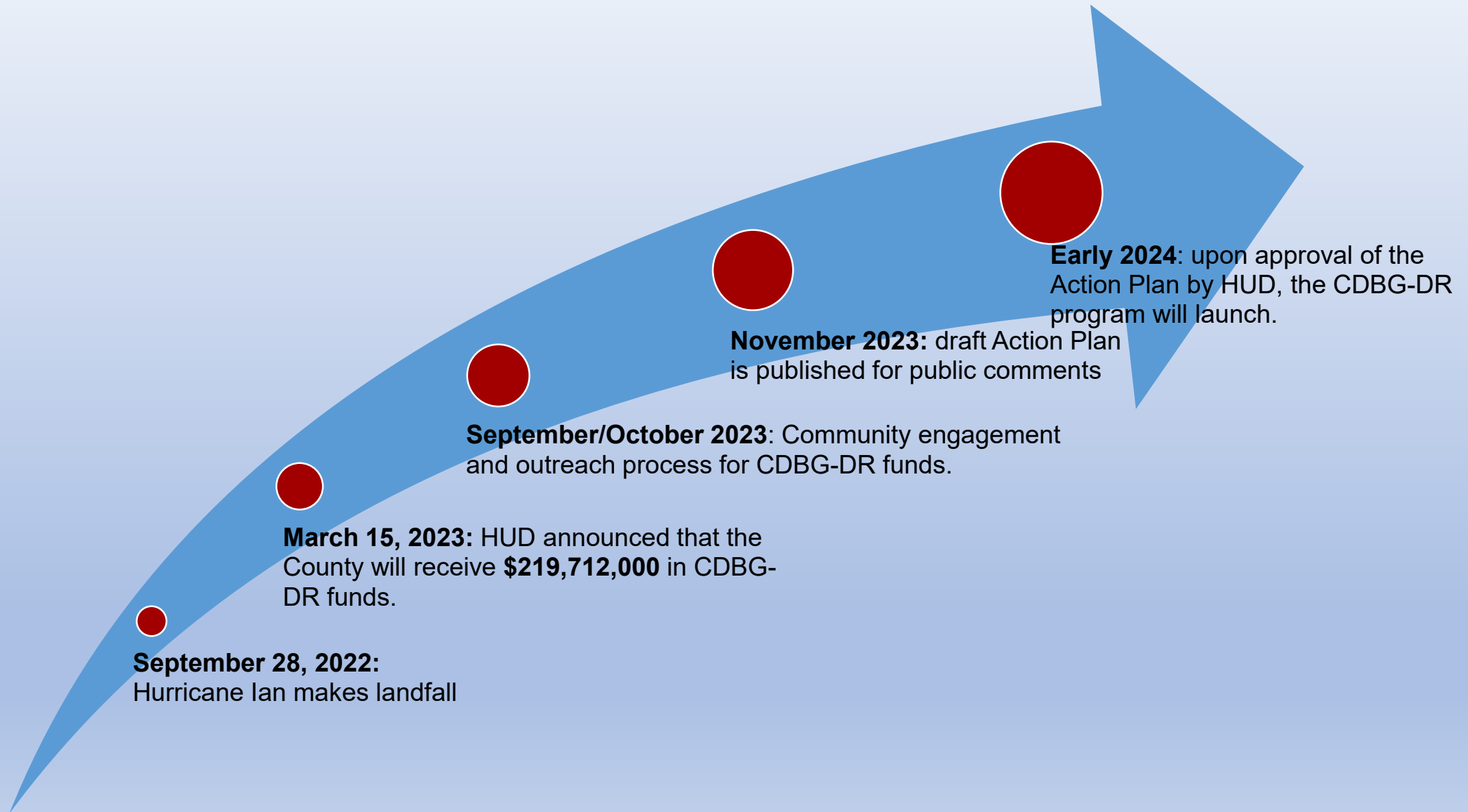
- Housing
- Infrastructure and capital projects
- Economic revitalization and Section 3 requirements on economic opportunities
- Public services (limited to 15%)

The entire Orange County (to include municipalities) is considered an impacted area where CDBG-DR funds can be used as long as proposed projects/activities meet the eligibility requirements of the program.

CDBG-DR: Basic Program Requirements

- While CDBG-DR funding is flexible, each funded activity must:
 - 1) **address a direct or indirect impact from the disaster** in a most impacted and distressed area;
 - 2) **be a CDBG-eligible activity** (primarily serve low- moderate-income persons or geographies);
 - 3) **meet a national objective of the CDBG program** (benefit low- to moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention/elimination of slums and blight, or meet an urgent need).
- Additionally, all CDBG-DR activities (unless funded with the mitigation set-aside) **must be tied to the disaster covered by the allocation (Hurricane Ian).**

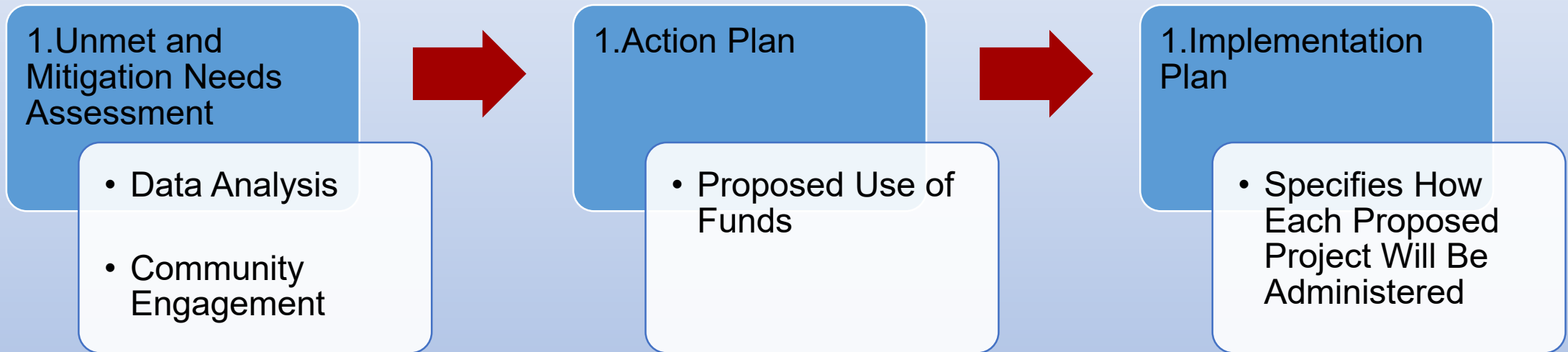
CDBG-DR Timeline (estimated)



CDBG-DR Timeline (cont.)

Orange County's Public Action Plan details the timeframe for the CDBG-DR funding. Once HUD approves the Action Plan in January-February of 2024, Orange County will begin the execution of the funding agreements. Orange County will have **6 years** from the Agreement execution date ***to spend the funds.***

Understanding The Process



Overall, the planning process for CDBG-DR funds takes approximately 4-6 months.

Unmet and Mitigation Needs Assessment

In developing its CDBG-DR Action Plan, Orange County intends to solicit input from **other Divisions/Departments, local jurisdictions, public housing authorities, advocacy groups, and community partners, as well as citizens**, to determine the remaining long-term resiliency needs and the most critical disaster mitigation needs.



CDBG-DR: Overview of Activities – Housing

Housing activities can potentially include the following:

- New construction (rental and homeownership)
- Reconstruction/rehabilitation of single-family or multi-family housing
- Homeownership assistance
- Buyouts
- Rental assistance
- Other, such as housing for vulnerable populations

CDBG-DR: Overview of Activities – Infrastructure and Capital Projects

Infrastructure activities can potentially include the following:

- Public facilities
- Public improvements
- Match (to satisfy a match requirement, share or contribution for any other Federal program, such as Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)
- Elevation of non-residential structures

CDBG-DR: Overview of Activities – Economic Revitalization and Public Services

Economic development activities can potentially include the following:

- Economic revitalization and Section 3 requirements on economic opportunities
- Attraction, retention, and return of businesses and jobs to a disaster-impacted area

Public services activities (limited to 15%) can potentially include the following:

- Housing counseling
- Legal advice and representation
- Job training and placement
- Other

The County must assess whether public services are necessary to complement activities intended to address housing, infrastructure, and economic revitalization, and how those services would need to be made accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Community Engagement

The Community Engagement Process

- A resident survey available on its CDBG-DR website. The survey can be accessed here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OC_CDBG-DR.
- Community meetings will be held in each of the six County commission districts. The schedule of the community meetings, including dates, times, and locations, will be posted on the CDBG-DR website.



Community Engagement

Citizen Participation Survey



Community Engagement

Date	Time	Location	District/Commissioner
Thursday, September 28 th	6pm -7pm	John Bridges Community Center 445 W 13th St Apopka, FL 32703	District 2 Commissioner Moore
Thursday, October 5 th	6pm -7pm	New Beginnings Church 6859 Edgewater Commerce Pkwy Orlando, FL 32810	District 2 Commissioner Moore
Monday, October 16 th	6pm -7pm	Bithlo Community Park 18501 Washington Ave Orlando, FL 32820	District 5 Commissioner Bonilla
Tuesday, October 17 th	6pm -7pm	Goldenrod Recreation Center 4863 N Goldenrod Rd Winter Park, FL 32792	District 5 Commissioner Bonilla
Thursday, October 19 th	6pm -7pm	East Orange Community Center 12050 E Colonial Dr Orlando, FL 32826	District 4 Commissioner Gomez-Cordero
Wednesday, October 25 th	6pm -7pm	Taft Community Center 9450 S Orange Ave Orlando, FL 32824	District 3 Commissioner Uribe

* Additional community meeting dates, times and locations are being added; the updated schedule is posted on the CDBG-DR program website.

Community Engagement: Focus groups summary

- Residents of mobile parks and homeless persons are disproportionately affected.
- Lack of media and resources to help LEP individuals access any assistance before and/or after the hurricane.
- Significant weather events affect most vulnerable groups.
- Some barriers reported by nonprofits: transportation, adequate generators, weather-resistant features; language, lack of communication between agencies and organizations, etc.
- Need shelter and housing for special needs persons, housing for working families.
- Need funds for home repairs (FEMA – not enough).
- Need for resource navigation, hurricane preparedness (ex. disaster resilience hubs)
- Need for legal assistance.

Affected areas:

- Taft
- Pine Hills
- Parramore
- Englewood
- Orlo Vista
- Oak Ridge
- Eatonville
- East Winter Garden
- University and Rouse Rd. Areas
- Bithlo and Ocoee (specifically Mobile Home Parks)
- Lake Nostalgia (including communities around the area)
- Maxwell Terrace (experienced damages to 93 units/floods)
- Semoran Blvd./Colonial Dr. to Aloma Ave.

CDBG-DR: Project Selection Process

- **County projects** (could be county-wide): prioritized based on need and eligibility criteria;
- **Jurisdictional projects**: awarded to eligible projects/activity based on a regular application process (Notice of Funding Availability/NOFA);
- **Other projects** (nonprofits, housing developers, PHAs): also awarded based on program eligibility through a regular application process (NOFA).

Additional Information and Resources

Orange County CDBG-DR Website

<https://www.ocfl.net/NeighborsHousing/OCDisasterRecovery.aspx>

HUD Exchange Website

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/>

Contact Us

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For Immediate Assistance/Information

- Community Resource Helpline – **Call 211**
- Office of Tenant Services and Fair Housing **(407) 836-7368**
- Orange County Financial Assistance and Section 8 **(407) 836-5159**
- Orange County Down Payment Assistance **(407) 836-5150**
- Orange County Code Enforcement **(407) 836-3111**
- Orange County Housing Rehabilitation Program **(407) 836-5181**

What

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Who

ANY QUESTIONS?

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