



# Florida Housing Coalition Hurricane Irma Member Update Webinar

March 23, 2018

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# AGENDA

- Introduction and Overview: Gladys Cook
- DEO: Update on CDBG-DR
- FEMA: Update on assistance
- Your questions- please write in!

# Florida Prepares for CDBG-DR

- DEO visits with subrecipient communities
- Creating an Action Plan
- More information at:
- <http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/assistance-for-governments-and-organizations/disaster-recovery-initiative>



**Florida Community Development Block  
Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG – DR)  
Hurricane Irma presented by Heather Martin**



# Current Status

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- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced Florida will receive \$616 million in federal funding for long-term recovery from Hurricane Irma.
- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) continues to:
  - Advocate on behalf of the state of Florida to HUD and to Congress.
  - Work closely with our state and federal partners including:
    - Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM),
    - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),
    - Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and
    - Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC).
  - Analyze data to project unmet needs in Florida.
  - Evaluate programs that could be created or expanded.
  - Research best practices from other states.

# CDBG-DR Key Federal Actions To-Date

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- **September 2017:** Congress appropriated \$7.4 billion for disaster recovery through the CDBG-DR program nationwide.
- **November 2017:** HUD announced Florida will receive approximately \$616 million of this original appropriation.
- **February 2018:** HUD released guidelines that must be followed to receive funding.
- **February 2018:** Congress appropriated an additional \$28 billion for disaster recovery to the CDBG program nationwide.
  - Florida does not yet know how much of this additional appropriation the state will receive.

# Funding Breakdown

HUD released the following breakdown, based on its assessment of unmet needs in Florida.

Funding Amount	Eligibility			
<b>\$492,737,600</b> <b>(80 percent)</b>	Minimum that must be spent in HUD-identified “most impacted and distressed” areas:			
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<b>\$123,184,400</b> <b>(20 percent)</b>	Can be spent on state-identified “most impacted and distressed” areas that received a presidential disaster for Hurricane Irma. These areas will be identified in the state’s action plan.			
<b>\$615,922,000</b>	<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>			

# Eligible Activities

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CDBG-DR funding can be used to address long-term recovery needs related to:

- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Economic Revitalization



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# Eligible Activities: Housing

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Funding must be used to primarily address unmet housing recovery needs.

- This can include:
  - Rehabilitating homes and rental units damaged by Hurricane Irma.
  - Rehabilitating homes not damaged by the disaster when the home is in the area impacted by Hurricane Irma and clear disaster-related impact can be demonstrated.
  - Constructing new homes or rental units to address disaster-related impacts.
  - Housing incentive payments to encourage relocation.
  - Relocation assistance.
  - Tenant-based rental assistance.
  - Property buyouts in high flood-risk areas.
  - Acquisition of property for other purposes (i.e. development of affordable housing).



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# Eligible Activities: Infrastructure

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Funding can be used to rehabilitate, replace or relocate damaged public facilities, which can include:

- Roads
- Bridges
- Water treatment facilities
- Sewers
- Water lines
- Stormwater management systems



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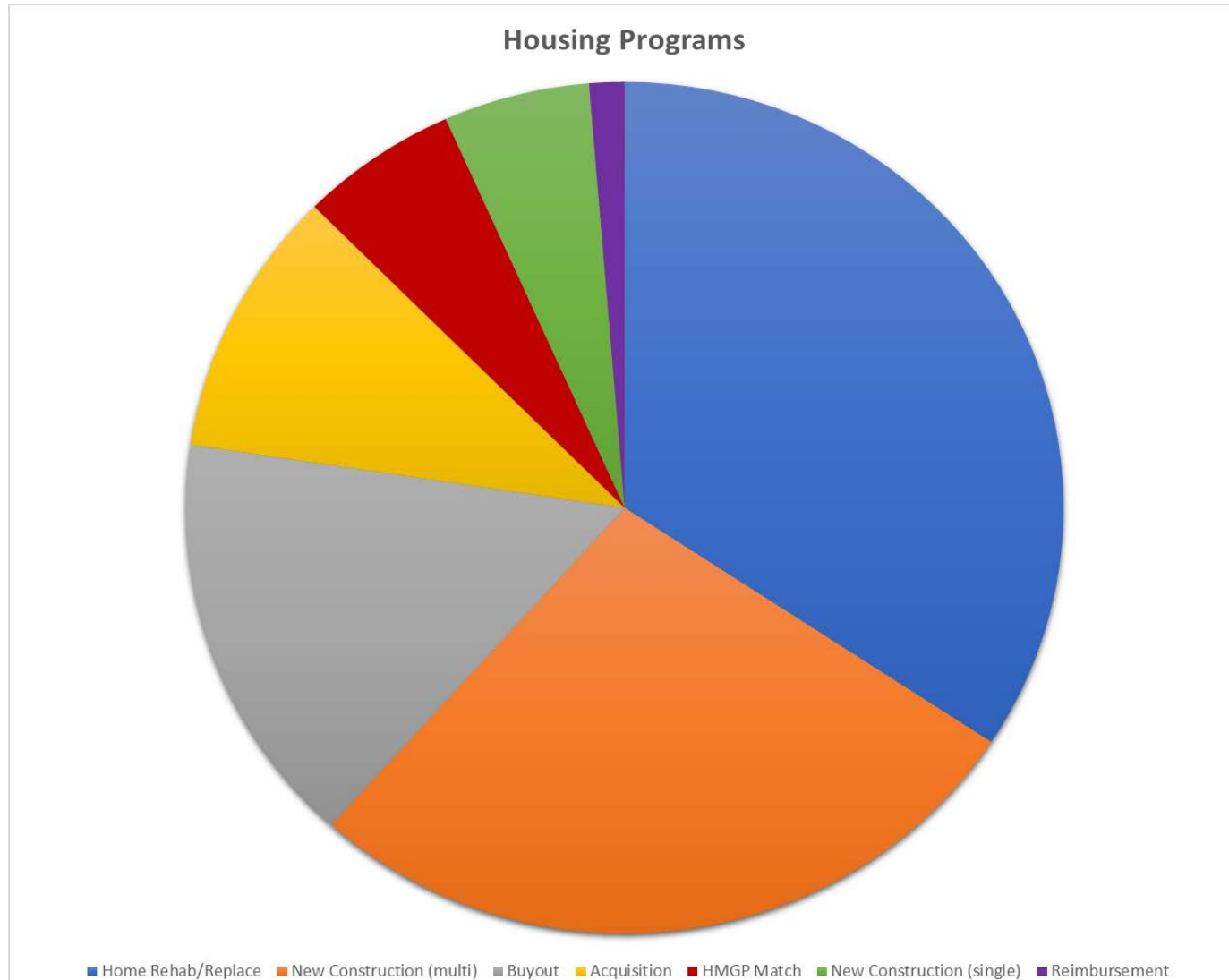
# Eligible Activities: Economic Revitalization

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Funding can be used to restore or improve the local economy through the attraction, retention and return of businesses and jobs, and must address economic impacts caused by the disaster. The prioritization of assistance to small businesses is encouraged.

- This can include:
  - Public services
  - Loans and grants to businesses
  - Working capital for businesses
  - Revolving loan programs
  - Job training
  - Improvements to commercial districts
  - Other efforts to attract and retain workers in devastated communities

# Community Feedback – Housing Programs

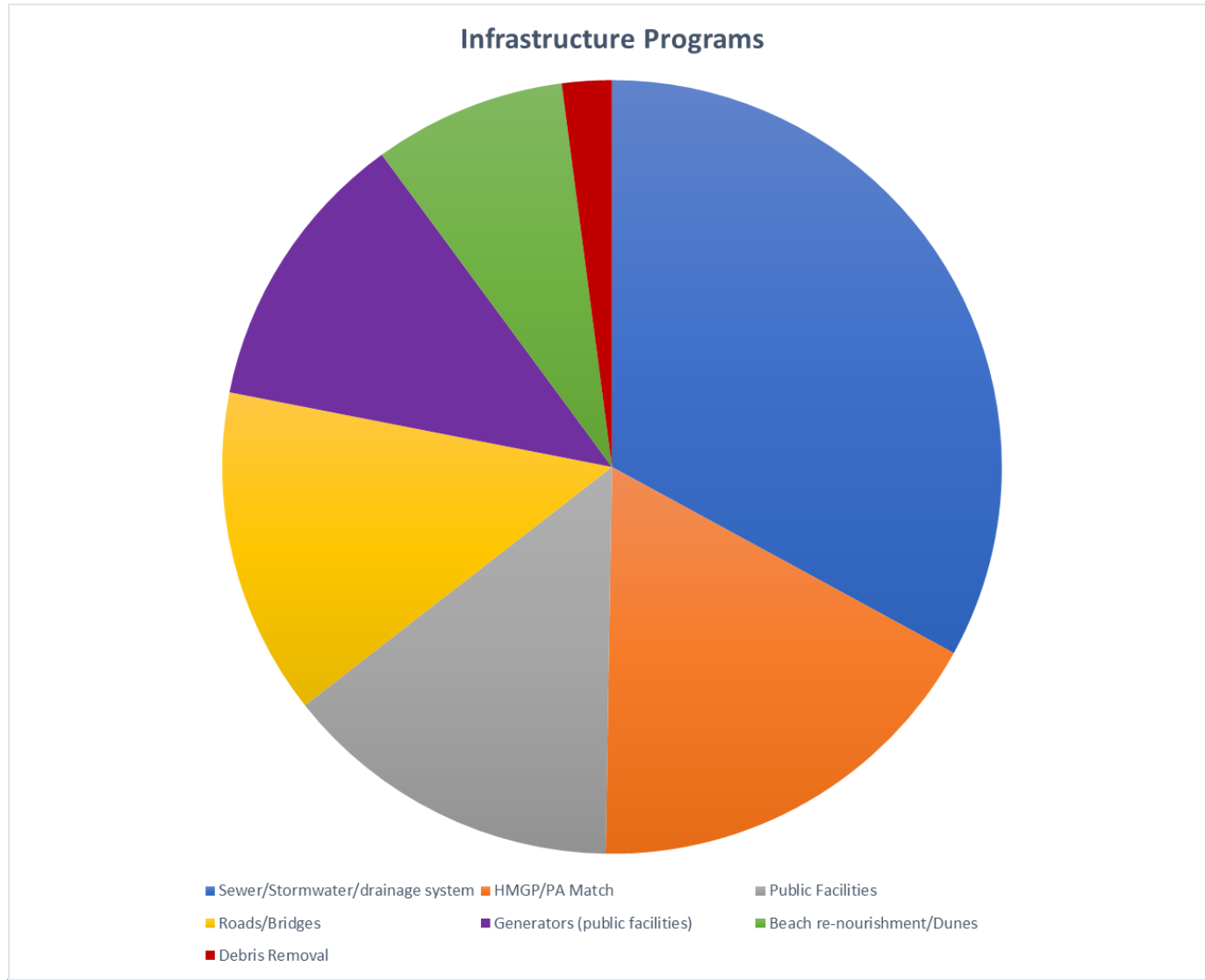


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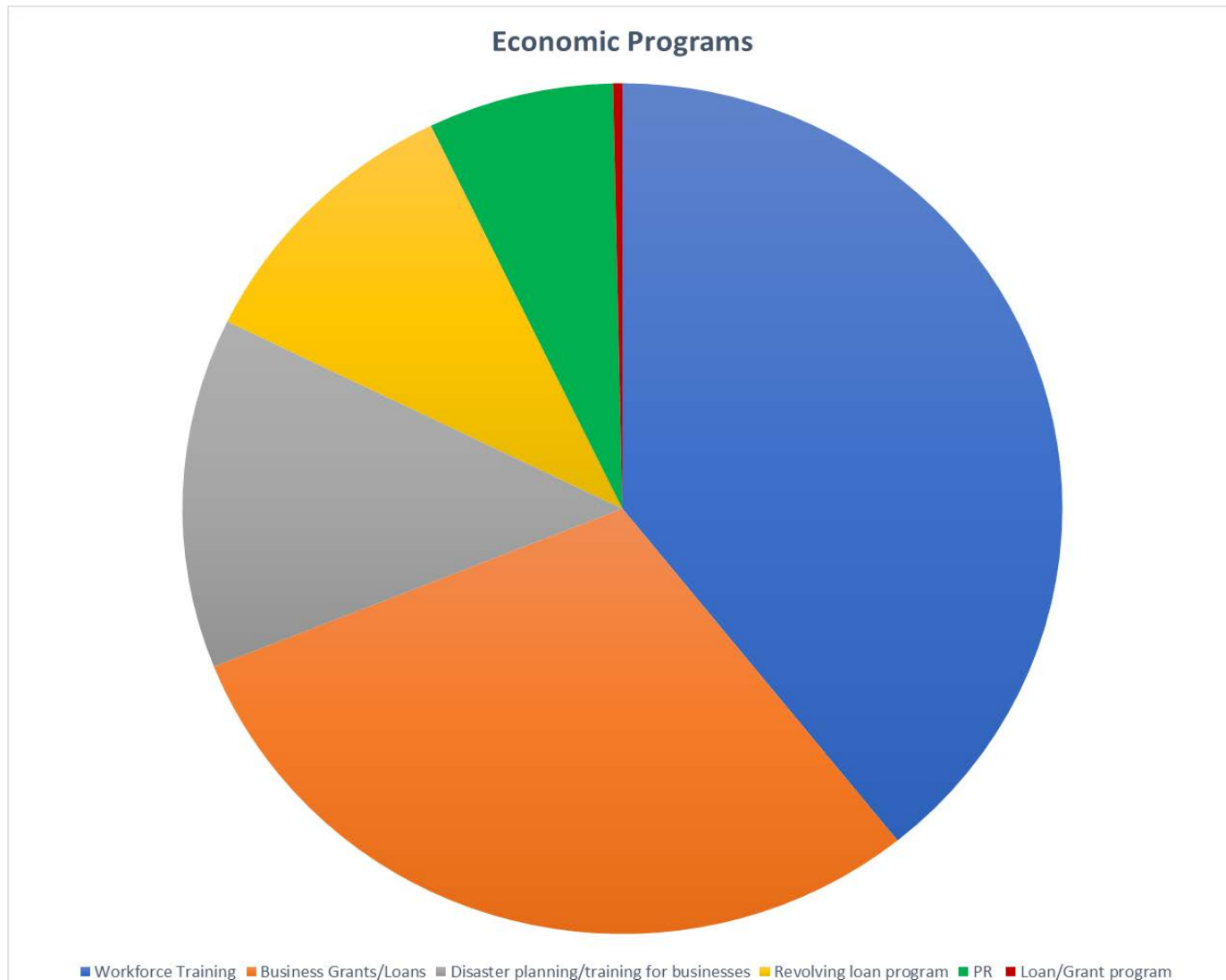
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# Community Feedback – Infrastructure Programs



# Community Feedback – Economic Programs



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# Action Plan: Program Design

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- The action plan will include programs that specify how the money will be allocated and how communities can access these programs.
- Programs in the action plan should describe the connection between the identified unmet needs and the allocation of CDBG-DR resources.
- Programs should also demonstrate a proportionate allocation of resources relative to areas and categories (housing, economy, infrastructure) of greatest need.



# Projected Timeline of Events

Date	Action
September 2017	Hurricane Irma makes landfall in Florida; Congress appropriates \$7.4 billion to support disaster recovery nationwide through the CDBG-DR program.
November 2017	HUD announced Florida will receive approximately \$616 million to support long-term recovery for Hurricane Irma.
December 2017	DEO began data assessment of unmet needs.
February 2018	HUD released guidance that must be followed by state and local governments to access the funding and described which counties will receive the majority (80 percent) of the funding.
March 2018	Through meetings and webinars, DEO will work with communities to finalize assessment of unmet needs and determine how to best design programs to address those needs.
April 2018	DEO posts a draft of the action plan on its website for 14-day public comment period.
May 2018	DEO submits plan to HUD for approval no later than May 15; HUD has 45 days to approve or provide feedback.
July 2018	DEO anticipates that HUD will approve action plan or provide feedback to the state on required revisions.
August 2018	DEO anticipates receiving grant agreement from HUD, which will be expedited and returned to HUD for execution.
Fall 2018	DEO will work with eligible entities to implement programs developed in action plan.







## Thank You.

If you have questions or comments about this presentation or want to discuss a future project, please contact our office.



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# FEMA Summary of Individual Assistance in Florida

- What counties had the most recipients?
- What was the average amount of assistance?
- What was the most common types of damage?

# FEMA Transitional Shelter Assistance (TSA)

- Florida TSA assistance ended in March
- Transitioning households off of TSA
- Central Florida efforts: Rental Assistance from SHIP and more

# Florida “Recovery Dashboard”

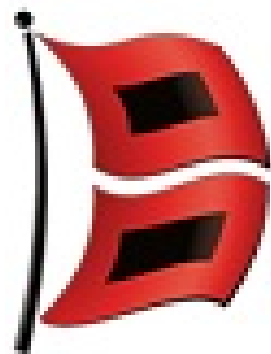
- This website has information related to recovery planning being used by local groups supporting survivors.



# Upcoming Trainings

- No Irma Webinar on Good Friday, March 30
- Next Hurricane Irma Webinar: April 6 registration:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7777825797282624003>
- Webinar: Financial Management for Non Profits, April 3 from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Register at  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/248448235027473153>

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## Options for Further Assistance Include:

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