AGENDA

• Hurricane Irma & Michael Updates
• Legislative Update: Kody Glazer, FHC Technical Advisor
  • Disaster Recovery Legislation
  • State Housing Funding
• Training for Long Term Recovery Committees- Kathy Strader
Florida Legislative Session

- Session began **March 5, 2019**
- Session includes a number of County Days and organizations/Associations bringing members to the Capitol
Sadowski state and local housing programs

• Sadowski Legislative Update on March 1 - recording at https://vimeo.com/320797279

• Great American Realtor Day brings a huge number of Sadowski Affiliates to the Capitol
Sadowski Press Conference at the Capitol
News Articles

Report highlights need for affordable housing

– Feb. 26, 2019
Governor DeSantis fully funded the Sadowski state and local housing programs in his budget.

$352 Million for Housing

Sadowski Affiliates sent emails to Governor’s office

Led directly to meeting of Sadowski Coalition and the release of landmark budget
What Housing Trust Fund Advocates Accomplished

- Governor’s Budget
- More legislative district office meetings than ever before
- New Allies: local businesses, faith based organizations, and League of Women Voters

www.SadowskiCoalition.org
Disaster Recovery Appropriations

• House Members need to file standalone bills for “appropriations projects”
  • Appropriation to a specifically named entity
  • Transportation project not in DOT’s Five Year Work Program
  • Educational facility improvements

• Senators do not need to file specific bills for these projects to be included in the final Budget

• Important Note: HD 7 does not have a representative

• Hurricane Michael recovery could have $2.7 billion impact on 2019-20 budget
Strategy: Use state funds for activities reimbursable by federal dollars

"In short, the tremendous amount of funding the state has already invested in hurricane recovery places significant constraints on our budget that will guide every facet of our decision-making in all other areas. As we move forward, we must continue to discern what recovery costs are reimbursable by insurance or the federal government; what costs are not reimbursable; and, what costs would be reimbursable by the federal government or insurance if not for the state funding those costs.” Senate President Bill Galvano
House Appropriation Bills

Rep. Jay Trumbull (R-Panama City)

• Over 40 individual Appropriation bills related to disaster recovery totaling over $250 million
• $25 million for Mexico Beach Restoration; $5.5 million for stormwater and wastewater repair; dozens of bills for the rebuilding of certain schools and facilities

Rep. Jayer Williamson (R-Pace)

• Over a dozen bills totaling over $85 million
• $8.5 million for Mexico Beach pier repair; over $6 million in road repair costs; $21 million for Panama City municipal operations
House Appropriation Bills

**Rep. Brad Drake (R-Eucheeanna)**

- Over a dozen individual bills related to disaster recovery totaling over $95 million
- Funding for debris removal and utility and infrastructure repair for Blountstown (HB 4811), Jackson County (HB 4803), Grand Ridge (HB 4833), and others

**Rep. Ramon Alexander (D-Tallahassee)**

- Filed HB 9243 to allocate $338.4 million to DEO for disaster housing recovery and economic development in affected areas
  - Rental assistance, direct housing assistance, recovery/repair grants
  - Infrastructure and environmental improvements
House Appropriation Bills

• Overall, individual House Appropriation bills top more than $600 million in total funding
  • Notably, only Rep. Alexander’s bill directly relates to housing

• The final budget can contain more than this amount for disaster recovery if it is not an “appropriations project”
  • Specifically authorized by statute
  • Is part of a statewide distribution to local governments; or
  • Was recommended by a commission, council, or other similar entity created in statute to make annual funding recommendations, not to exceed the amount recommended by the entity
Disaster Recovery Legislation


- Appropriates $50 million annually through FY 2025-26 from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for conservation and management projects dedicated to counties affected by Hurricane Michael
- Appropriate agencies to receive funds for reforestation, debris removal, ecosystem management, beach nourishment, land protection, and other uses
Disaster Recovery Legislation

SB 1610: Emergency Mitigation and Response by Sen. Montford

- Co sponsors: Sens. Gainer & Broxson
- Creates the Hurricane Michael Recovery Task Force to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding additional assistance needed for recovery
- Directs DEO to include a program to retrofit/repair hurricane shelters and single-family homes in a CDBG-DR Action Plan
- Creates the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program and Rental Recovery Loan Program within Florida Housing Finance Corporation to provide funds to local governments for their affordable housing recovery efforts, similar to SHIP
  - To receive funds local governments would need to file a disaster recovery strategy and then FHFC allocates according to a need-based formula
  - Subject to general appropriations process – does not use SHIP money
- Directs Florida Building Commission to make recommendations as to how to strengthen building code as applied to the Panhandle
- Appropriates $300 million from the Budget Stabilization Fund for a Public Facilities Hurricane Restoration Cash Flow Loan Program
Disaster Recovery Legislation

- HB 645: Disaster Recovery by Trumbull
- SB 1056: Florida Disaster Resilience Task Force by Rodriguez

**NOTE:** most of the disaster recovery work this Session will be done through the Appropriations process
Governor Budget Recommendations

• Gov. DeSantis recommended the full funding for the Sadowski funds

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2316, local governments receiving disbursements from the State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) shall prioritize funding to assist with hurricane recovery before routine and customary use of funds." Pg 255-56 of Gov. Budget
Training Case Managers and Long Term Recovery Committee Members

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Upcoming Training

Long Term Recovery Workshop

March 14 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m
Hardee County Library in Wauchula

• Building a Long Term Recovery Group
• Connecting the Committees
• Case Management/Unmet Needs Assessment
CAPACITY BUILDING WITH PARTNERS
Updates from NLIHC:

- HUD approved on March 1 Florida’s substantial action plan amendment related to recovery from Hurricane Irma, allowing the state to access an additional $158 million in CDBG-DR dollars.

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CDBG-DR Problem Solving Clinic - slides

Hurricane Irma

- **Hurricane Irma**: A year and a half after Irma, four Keys cities and Monroe County have yet to be reimbursed for around 88% of what was approved by FEMA. The localities may have to restructure their finances to prepare for longer term delays. Keys officials were told by state emergency managers that the primary focus is recovering from Hurricane Michael in the Panhandle, instead.
Hurricane Irma: Keyswide nonprofit and the Monroe County Long Term Recovery Group have purchased shipping containers with bunkbeds for volunteers to sleep in while helping Big Pine Key recover from Hurricane Irma. “Volunteer Village” was created in response to the near-impossible task of finding housing as a volunteer in the Keys right now.
Upcoming Trainings

March 15, 2019 1:30 pm Hurricane Update
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4627836041403087874

The Predevelopment Process
March 13 Workshop in Lakeland
https://fhc.wildapricot.org/event-3012019
• Housing Recovery Track May 14, 2019
• 4 sessions - full day
• Palm Beach Convention Center
• Training only registration is $135
• Full Convention and Training $285 (before March 8, after March 8 $305)
• Facilitated by Florida Housing Coalition

• http://flghc.org/training-and-workshops/
• Registration Form – download handout
Technical Assistance is Available

Available Daily: 1 (800) 677-4548

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Site Visits

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