



Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for Hurricane Ian

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Background






In September 2022, Hurricane Ian made landfall south of Sarasota County causing significant destruction from high winds and flooding. This disaster qualified the county to receive federal long-term disaster recovery funding.




In December 2022, Congress appropriated \$3 billion to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Funds (CDBG-DR) for disasters that occurred in 2022.



In May 2023, HUD allocated \$201.5 million in funding to Sarasota County.

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

- Congress appropriates funding to HUD to address disaster recovery needs that are not met by other sources of Federal disaster assistance.
- Generally, CDBG-DR grants have been distributed at the state level, but Sarasota County received a direct allocation from HUD.
- Funds used in the most impacted and distressed areas “MID” identified by HUD.

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CDBG-DR Florida Allocations 

Grantee	Total Unmet Need	Mitigation	Disaster Total
State of Florida	\$791,847,000	\$118,777,000	\$910,624,000
Lee County	\$963,375,000	\$144,506,000	\$1,107,881,000
Volusia County	\$286,009,000	\$42,901,000	\$328,910,000
Orange County	\$191,054,000	\$28,658,000	\$219,712,000
Sarasota County	\$175,248,000	\$26,287,000	\$201,535,000

All funds must be used within six years of signing the grant agreement unless an extension from HUD is granted.

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Funding Requirements



- 15% of funds required to be used for mitigation efforts
 - Mitigation activities are “activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.”
- 70% of funds must be used to benefit low to moderate income persons
- Six-year grant life cycle after grant agreement is signed.
- Funds will be provided from HUD on a reimbursement basis.

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Eligible use of Funds



CDBG-DR funds **must** meet the following criteria:

- Be used for housing, infrastructure, economic revitalization, or mitigation
- Address an unmet need where no other funding source is available
- Meet a HUD national objective
- Have a direct or indirect tie back to Hurricane Ian **unless** using 15% set aside mitigation funds (cannot exceed 15% without a direct or indirect tie back)

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HUD National Objectives

All projects **are required** to meet a HUD national objective

Benefit to low- and moderate- income persons (LMI)	Meet a need having a particular urgency (urgent need)	Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 70% of funding must be used to benefit LMI persons Can benefit all residents in an area if at least 51% of the residents are LMI persons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing conditions must pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must meet the definition of "slum" or "blighted"

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Example Project Types

Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction New Affordable Housing Construction Buyout Programs Homeowner Assistance
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair, replacement, or relocation of damaged public facilities and improvements including bridges, water treatment facilities, roads, sewer and water lines, and storm water management systems Match for Federal Programs
Economic Revitalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities that address economic impacts cause by the disaster including the attraction, retention, and return of businesses and jobs.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities that improves the resiliency of an area, infrastructure, home, or facility against future hazards

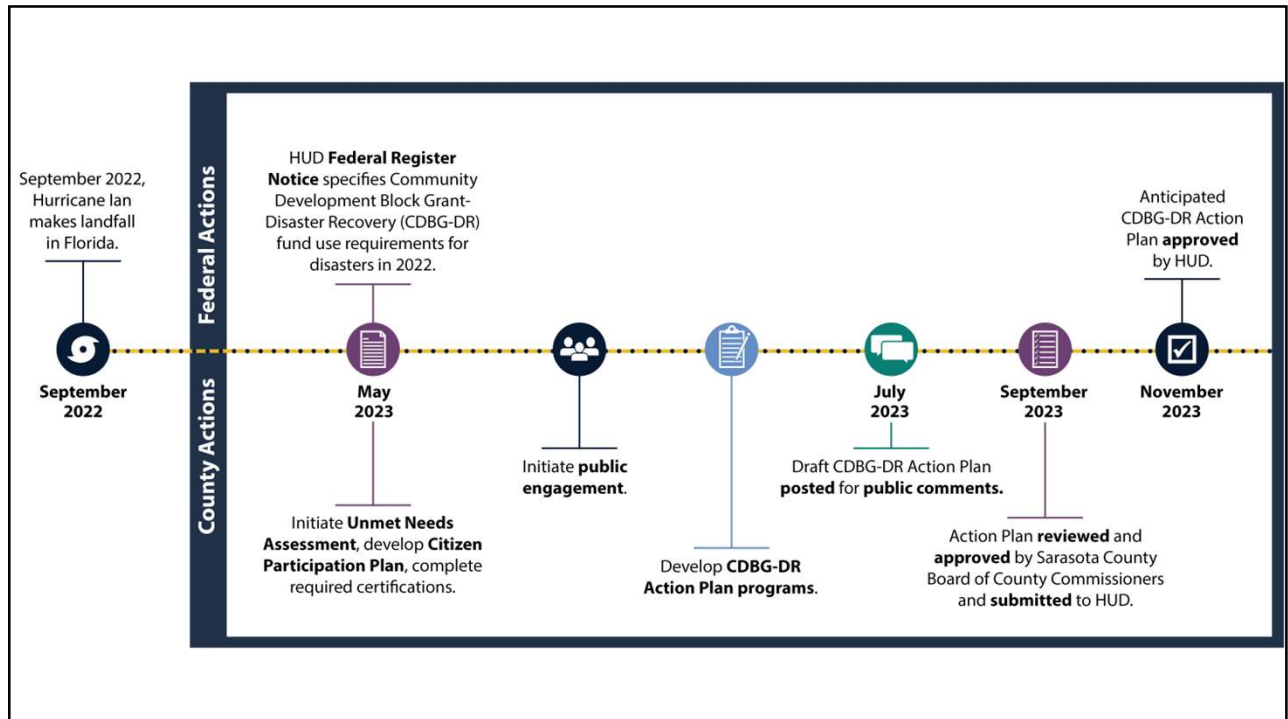
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Action Plan Development

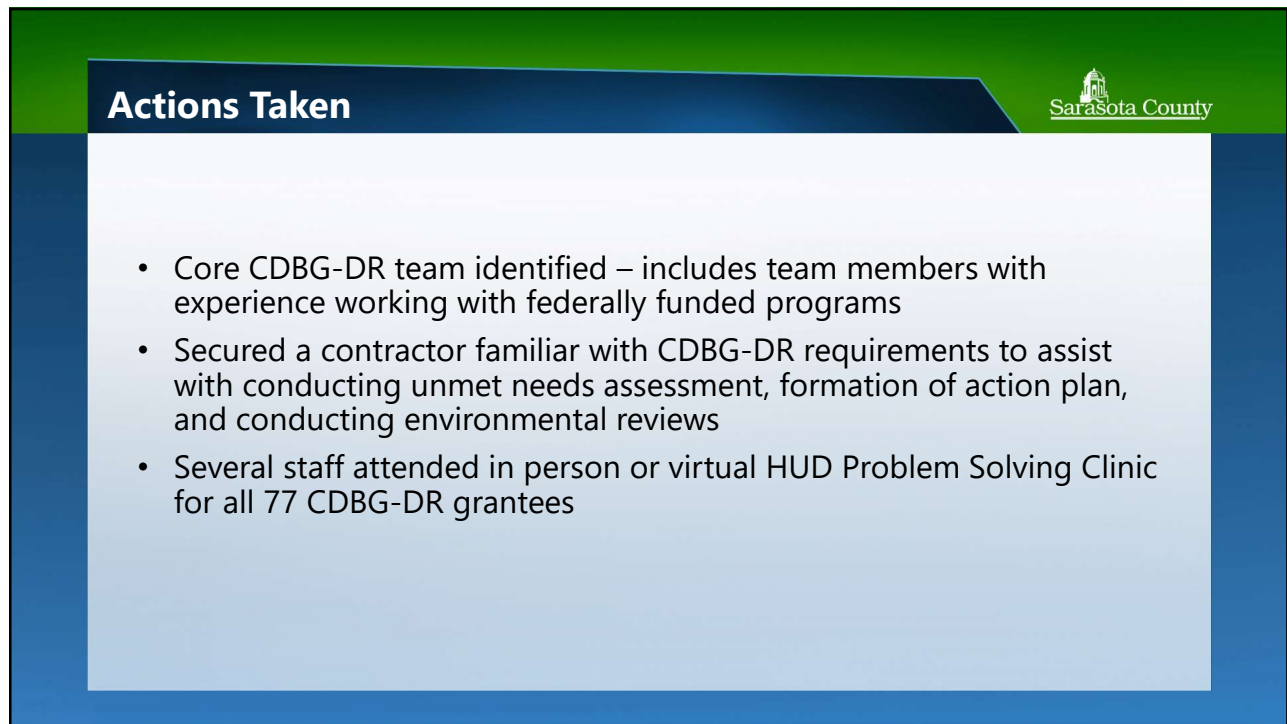


- County will develop an **Action Plan** detailing how the county intends to use CDBG-DR funds
 - Unmet needs assessment required -will include input with stakeholder groups, data received from FEMA, SBA, etc, and public meetings
 - Draft Action Plan requires a 30-day public comment period and at least one public hearing
- Action Plan submitted to HUD for approval before funds are released and programs can begin

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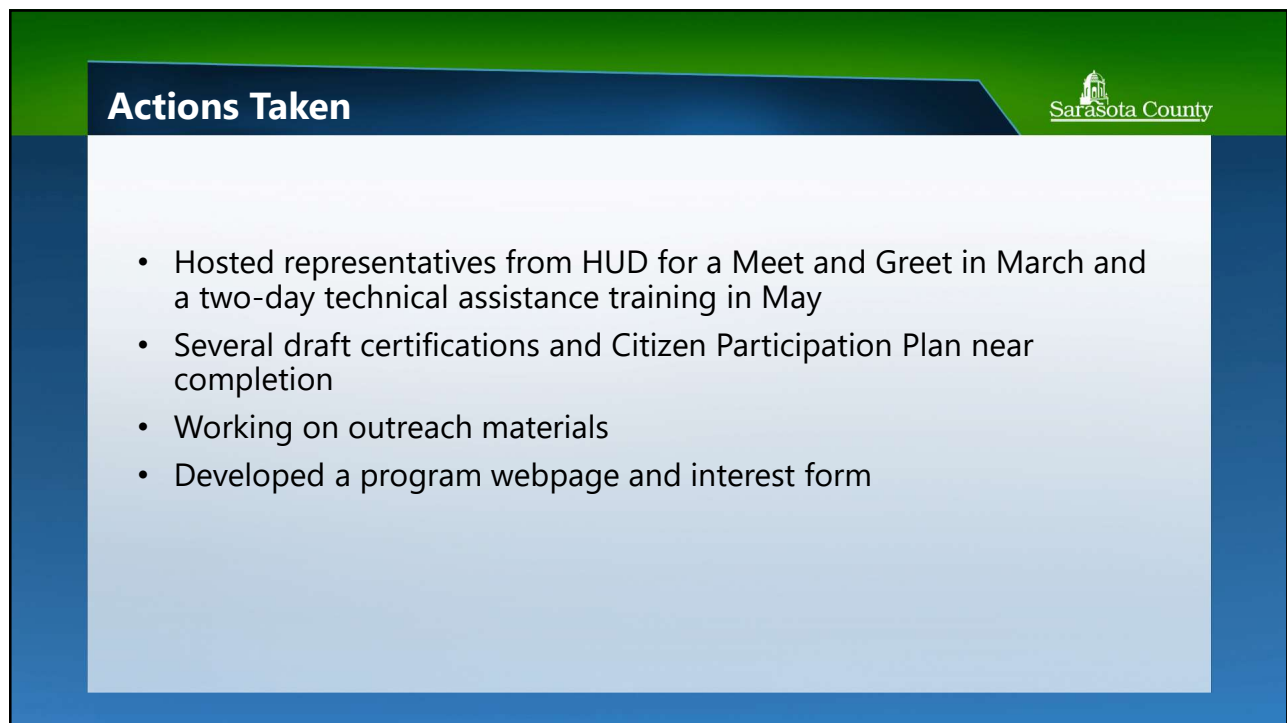
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Actions Taken

Sarasota County

- Core CDBG-DR team identified – includes team members with experience working with federally funded programs
- Secured a contractor familiar with CDBG-DR requirements to assist with conducting unmet needs assessment, formation of action plan, and conducting environmental reviews
- Several staff attended in person or virtual HUD Problem Solving Clinic for all 77 CDBG-DR grantees

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Actions Taken

Sarasota County

- Hosted representatives from HUD for a Meet and Greet in March and a two-day technical assistance training in May
- Several draft certifications and Citizen Participation Plan near completion
- Working on outreach materials
- Developed a program webpage and interest form

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Next Steps

- Conduct Unmet Needs Assessment and draft Action Plan
 - Stakeholder meetings
 - Public meetings
- Draft Action Plan posted for Public Comments
- Updates to Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners

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