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**Public participation meetings for federal Disaster Recovery funds planned throughout Lee County**

Fort Myers, FL, July 24, 2023 – Resident participation meetings throughout unincorporated Lee County and in municipalities are planned in August to receive public comment and input on the Draft Action Plan for the \$1.1 billion Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Draft Action Plan will be published at [www.leegov.com/recovery/cdbg-dr](http://www.leegov.com/recovery/cdbg-dr) for review and comment beginning Aug. 1 through Aug. 31, 2023. Comments can be emailed to [recovery@leegov.com](mailto:recovery@leegov.com), mailed to Lee County Administration in care of the Office of Strategic Resources, 2115 Second St., Fort Myers, FL, 33901, or provided during one of the public meetings.

CDBG-DR funds may be spent on a limited number of eligible activities related to impacts from Hurricane Ian that include housing, infrastructure, economic revitalization, public services and planning. At least 70% of the grant must be used for projects that benefit Low-to-Moderate Income households, which HUD defines as a family at or below 80% of Area Median Income. For example, in Lee County a single-person household would qualify at \$47,700 or less per year, whereas the limit for total household income is \$68,100 per year for a family of four.

The Lee Board of County Commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, Aug. 1, is expected to vote to approve the Draft CDBG-DR Action Plan Publication for the public comment period, which begins with these resident participation meetings spanning Aug. 2 through Aug. 29. After public input has been received, Lee County will submit the Action Plan to HUD for review and approval.

Public meeting are:

- **5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023**  
Bonita Springs City Council  
9101 Bonita Beach Road Bonita Springs, FL 34135
- **6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023**  
Cape Coral City Council  
1015 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33990
- **5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023**  
North Fort Myers Recreation Center  
2000 N. Recreation Park Way, North Fort Myers, FL 33903
- **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023**  
Town of Fort Myers Beach / DiamondHead Beach Resort  
2000 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
- **5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023**  
Veterans Park  
55 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
- **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023**  
The Heights Center  
15570 Hagie Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908

- **6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023**  
City of Fort Myers / Stars Complex  
2980 Edison Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33916
- **5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023**  
Pine Island Elementary School  
5360 Ridgewood Drive, Bokeelia, FL 33922
- **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 29, 2023**  
City of Sanibel / Big Arts Sanibel  
900 Dunlop Rd, Sanibel, FL 33957

The CDBG-DR webpage will continue to serve as an informational resource for CDBG-DR activities. Interested parties are encouraged to visit [www.leegov.com/recovery/cdbg-dr](http://www.leegov.com/recovery/cdbg-dr) for updates.

Lee County's Office of Strategic Resources and Government Affairs has prepared a timeline describing the necessary steps and other information at [www.leegov.com/recovery/cdbg-dr](http://www.leegov.com/recovery/cdbg-dr). This webpage will continue to serve as an informational resource for CDBG-DR activities. Interested parties are encouraged to visit this resource periodically for updates.

The Lee Board of County Commissioners received a staff update and presentation June 27. To view the meeting video, visit the county's YouTube channel, [www.youtube.com/@LeeCountyFLBOCC/videos](http://www.youtube.com/@LeeCountyFLBOCC/videos) and search for the date. The agenda and presentation can also be found online at [www.leegov.com/bocc/meetings/agendas](http://www.leegov.com/bocc/meetings/agendas).

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Esta es una notificación sobre el Plan de acción del condado de Lee para los fondos de recuperación de desastres de subvenciones en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario (CDBG-DR), proporcionado por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) como resultado del huracán Ian en 2022. Para solicitar la traducción de este aviso o solicitar servicios de interpretación para cualquiera de las reuniones públicas sobre CDBG-DR, envíe un correo electrónico a [recovery@leegov.com](mailto:recovery@leegov.com) o llame al 239-533-2315.

El sitio web del condado de Lee está equipado con opciones para la selección de idiomas. Si tiene problemas para acceder a cualquier contenido web, comuníquese con Samantha Westen al 239-533-2112 o [swesten@leegov.com](mailto:swesten@leegov.com). Para solicitar una adaptación razonable para un formato alternativo, comuníquese con Joan LaGuardia, 239-839-6038 o [jlaguardia@leegov.com](mailto:jlaguardia@leegov.com).

This is a notification regarding Lee County's Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds (CDBG-DR), provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a result of Hurricane Ian in 2022. To request translation of this notice or to request interpretation services for any of the public meetings regarding CDBG-DR, please email [recovery@leegov.com](mailto:recovery@leegov.com) or call 239-533-2315.

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