



# Hurricane Ian Recovery

## HUD's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds (CDBG-DR)

**Lee County's Allocation: \$1,107,881,000**

### What is CDBG-DR?

An allocation of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that can be used to address unmet needs as a result of a federally declared major disaster.

Lee County was awarded CDBG-DR funds in May 2023 to address unmet community needs resulting from Hurricane Ian.

### Planning Requirements

To receive CDBG-DR funds from HUD, Lee County must complete a planning process that takes approximately six months.

Throughout this process, Lee County is reviewing data and gathering input to determine unmet needs and designing CDBG-DR eligible programs that address those needs.

The information gathered is compiled into an Action Plan that is submitted to HUD for review and approval.

The County is also developing an implementation plan that will outline how each project will be administered in compliance with federal regulations.

Upon HUD's approval of the Action and Implementation Plans, Lee County can begin to deploy CDBG-DR funds through the identified projects and activities.

### Estimated Timeline

HUD publishes guidelines for the CDBG-DR Allocation	May 2023
Lee County submits required certifications to HUD	July 2023
Lee County publishes draft Action Plan for public comment	August 2023
Lee County submits Action Plan to HUD for review	September 2023
HUD Approves Action Plan	2023
CDBG-DR Program Launch	Early 2024

### How is input gathered on the planned use of CDBG-DR funds?

Lee County has collected input regarding unmet needs and program priorities through consultations with the Long-Term Recovery Task Force, local governments, housing authorities, non-profit organizations, and organizations that advocate on behalf of members of protected classes. Lee County will continue to receive and consider input through the publication of the draft Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period.

At least two public meetings will also be held to gather input regarding the draft plan. Information about those meetings and the draft plan will be published on Lee County's CDBG-DR webpage at

[www.leegov.com/recovery/cdbg-dr](http://www.leegov.com/recovery/cdbg-dr).

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### How can CDBG-DR funds be spent?

All funds must be spent on HUD eligible activities related to housing, infrastructure, public facilities, economic revitalization, public services, planning, and administration.

### Example Activities

Development of new affordable housing units to be rented to low- and moderate – income households.

Rehabilitation of housing units for income qualified homeowners.

Repair or replacement of damaged public facilities, such as publicly-owned streets and underground utilities.

Development of a plan to integrate resilient building standards into construction projects.

### How can individuals get help from CDBG-DR funding?

Lee County is currently planning for the use of CDBG-DR funds. Information regarding programs that may be able to assist homeowners, homebuyers, renters, and other entities will be made available on [Lee County's CDBG-DR webpage](#) as it becomes available.

The majority of funds must be used to assist households that have an income at or below 80% of the area median income. HUD's 2023 income limits are below.

### 2023 HUD Income Guidelines

Median Family Income	Category	Persons in Family							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$85,000	Low Income (80%)	47,700	54,500	61,300	68,100	73,550	79,000	84,450	89,900

For more information visit Lee County's CDBG-DR webpage

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