



Fact Sheet

2024 Storms Debby, Helene, and Milton Allocation: \$252,711,000

What is Lasting Manatee?

Lasting Manatee is Manatee County's program for its allocation of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In January 2025, Manatee County was identified as a direct recipient of the CDBG-DR to address unmet needs resulting from the 2024 hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton.

Funding Process

In order to receive funds from HUD and authorize programs and projects for implementation, Manatee County is first required to complete a planning process over approximately three to four months.

Throughout this process, Manatee County will review data from local, state, and federal sources, gather community input, and design programs and projects to best fulfill unmet needs.

After HUD approves Manatee County's final Action Plan, the county will begin to implement the planned programs and projects.

Estimated Timeline

January 2025	HUD publishes guidelines for funding use.
Early Spring 2025	County and Local Partners' projects are collected, and public meetings will be held for community input on project ideas.
Late Spring 2025	Manatee County publishes board-approved draft action plan for 30-day public comment period.
June 2025	Manatee County submits board-approved final action plan to HUD for approval.
Late Fall or Early Winter 2025	HUD comments and/or approves final action plan and Lasting Manatee programs begin.

How can individuals receive assistance from Lasting Manatee?

Manatee County is in the planning process for use of funds from HUD. Information on programs and projects will be published at mymanatee.org/lastingmanatee once available. CDBG-DR funds may only address an unmet need where no other funding source is available.

For more information, contact Lasting Manatee:
Email CDBG.DR@mymanatee.org
Visit mymanatee.org/lastingmanatee
Call 941-742-4787



How can funds be spent?

All funds must be spent on HUD-eligible activities related to housing, infrastructure/public facilities, economic revitalization, public services or mitigation.

Funds will not be made available until after HUD approves the public Action Plan and programs are developed.

Examples of eligible activities



Housing

Repair, rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing housing.



Infrastructure

Repair or replacement of damaged public infrastructure and facilities.



Mitigation

Projects that harden an area, lessening the impact of future disasters.



Economic Revitalization

Employment services and development activities that restore and improve the local economy.



Public Services

Programs offering public services such as healthcare, mental health, etc.

How can I provide input?

Visit mymanatee.org/lastingmanatee for updates on public meetings, surveys and other ways to provide input. Once the draft public Action Plan is published, there will be a 30-day period to review and comment on the plan, which may be provided through an online submission or in-person at planned public hearings.

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