

Community Input Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

Central Library

**Help us learn about the community's unmet needs
to develop an action plan for the Community
Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery**

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Overview

- Manatee County was impacted by three major declared disasters in 2024: **Debby, Helene, and Milton**
- To assist disaster-impacted areas with long-term recovery, Congress appropriated more than **\$12 billion nationally for HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR)** program in December 2024
- HUD allocated **\$252 million** of CDBG-DR funding to Manatee County on January 16, 2025
- Manatee County has established "**Lasting Manatee**" as its branding for use of its CDBG-DR funding
- Manatee County must **develop and submit** an Action Plan for HUD's review and approval to access the funding

CDBG-DR National Objectives and Areas of Focus

Every funded activity must meet a CDBG-DR national objective:

- Benefit to low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons;
- Support the prevention or improvement of deteriorating conditions within neighborhoods; or
- Meet needs having a particular urgency.

Note that HUD may revise/add ways of meeting national objectives

Four areas of focus for CDBG-DR are outlined in the appropriation language:

- Housing
- Infrastructure and Public Facilities
- Mitigation
- Economic Revitalization
- Public Services

CDBG-DR by the Numbers

There are multiple spending requirements and limitations on CDBG-DR funds.

Concept	Standard
Overall Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) Benefit Level	By statute, at least 70% of funds must be expended for activities that benefit low-mod persons
Minimum Investment in HUD-defined Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Area	Entire County is the MID area but 70% LMI benefit overall requirement constrains decisions
Mitigation Funding	By statute, a minimum of 15% of allocated grant funds must be spent on mitigation-specific activities
Administrative funding	Statute caps general administrative allowance at 5% of grant amount plus program income
Project Funding	Costs are eligible and chargeable for completed activities only when they are allocable, allowable, reasonable, and necessary

Areas of Focus and Eligible Activities

- **Housing:** Activities that restore and/or improve existing housing such as rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction.
- **Restoration of Infrastructure:** Activities that rebuild or replace affected public facilities or improvements including rehabilitation of schools, health care centers, water or wastewater facilities, drainage improvements, etc.
- **Mitigation:** Mitigation is undertaken as part of other activities such as adding durability aspects to infrastructure investments, elevating rehabilitated houses, or offering buyouts to repetitive loss property owners
- **Economic Revitalization:** Activities that create or retain jobs or address negative economic effects of the 2024 disasters through assistance to businesses, workforce development, etc.
- **Public Services:** (limited to 15% of allocation): housing counseling, legal advice and representation to address housing title issues, and job training.

Commonly Used CDBG-DR Eligible Activities

- Rehabilitation of homes or buildings damaged by the disaster
- Buying severely damaged structures and relocating the affected household or business out of harm's way
- Constructing or rehabilitating public facilities or improvements (e.g., streets, neighborhood centers, and water/sewer/drainage systems)
- Code enforcement
- Homeownership assistance programs

Lasting Manatee Timeline of Program Development

Current Stage: Unmet Needs Assessment and Community Input Meetings

Collect information on unmet needs by reviewing relevant databases, and surveying community residents, municipalities, and County partners such as nonprofit organizations



Publish Draft Action Plan in May 2025

Publish draft Action Plan, hold 2 public hearings, and provide for 30-day public comment period



Submit Action Plan to HUD by June to August 2025

Finalize Action Plan based on comments and submit to HUD for review and approval (45-day window)



HUD Approval & Program Implementation (Late Fall to Early Winter 2025)

Work with HUD to respond to concerns on Action Plan and proceed to program implementation

Action Plan and its Disaster Recovery Components

Action Plan will have several distinct components:

- Unmet Needs Assessment
- Mitigation Needs Assessment
- Program descriptions and budget information (to level of detail that potential beneficiaries can understand eligibility and opportunities)

HUD Responses:

- HUD will provide, upon request, a briefing on relationship of allocation to unmet needs data

Your Role in the Process

- **Share unmet needs feedback and information with Lasting Manatee today (Unmet Needs and Feedback Form)**
- Considerations while identifying unmet needs:
 - How did the 2024 Hurricane Season impact you? What aspects of post-hurricane recovery still exist that need to be addressed? Have you received, or are you currently in the process of receiving, recovery assistance for Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton?
- Review and comment on the County's CDBG-DR draft Action Plan once it is published
- Attend Lasting Manatee public hearings where we will review the proposed funding allocations once the draft Action Plan is published
- Bookmark [**MyManatee.org/LastingManatee**](https://www.mymanatee.org/lastingmanatee) and subscribe for email updates
- Encourage residents and businesses in your community to participate!

*To fill out our Unmet Needs Survey
please scan the QR code found below*



or type the survey form's URL link into your web browser:
forms.office.com/g/zduVXsxBVG

Please take your time to fill out the survey as we pause for a short break

We will reconvene for a Question & Answer session with the Lasting Manatee team



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Option 2:

**Raise your hand to request
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Closing Segment: Your Questions, Our Answers

We're here for you - let's stay connected!



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Thank you for joining us this evening!