

# Current Resources

For Storm, Emergency, and Disaster Preparedness



# Future Assistance

For Housing and Infrastructure Recovery



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# September is Florida Preparedness Month – Four Steps

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Get  
Connected



2

Get  
Prepared



3

Stay in  
Touch



4

Find  
Support





# Step 1 – Get Connected: Notifications and Information Services

A promotional graphic for Alert Manatee. It shows a close-up of a person's hands holding a smartphone over a laptop keyboard. Overlaid on the image is a banner with the following text and logos:

- Top left: Manatee County and Manatee County Sheriff's Office logos.
- Top center: A red circle with a white exclamation mark and the text 'ALERT MANATEE'.
- Top right: 'GET REAL-TIME STORM UPDATES' in white text on a dark background.
- Bottom left: 'SIGN UP FOR ALERTS NOW' in white text on an orange background.
- Bottom center: 'MYMANATEE.ORG/ALERTMANATEE' in white text on a grey background.
- Bottom right: A large orange circle with a white exclamation mark.



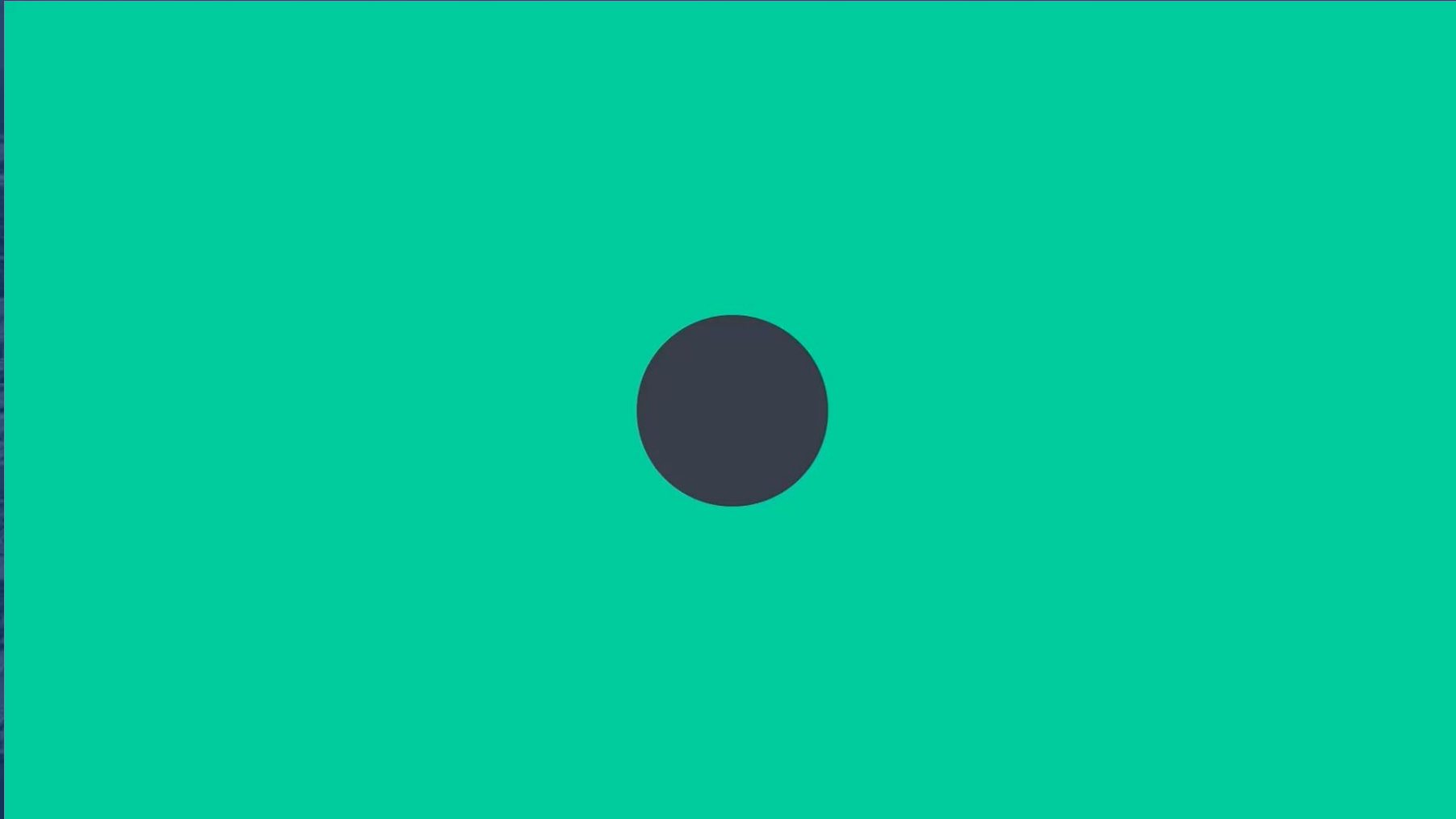
Text

ManateeReady

to 888-777









# Step 1 – Get Connected: How to Get Notified (Video)











# Step 1 – Get Connected: MyManatee.org/STORM and Social Media

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# BOOKMARK STAR **AND** SAVE


Extreme Weather  




 <https://www.mymanatee.org/storm>   


Bookmark this tab


 Severe Weather Information Center

#ManateeReady Resident Information Tool Alert Manatee Sandbags Weather Tropical Outlook Lake Manatee FAQs More

 **FOR STORM UPDATES**


  

Severe Weather Information Center 



 Search...




## Explore


Use the buttons below to access emergency and weather information.








## Tropical Outlook

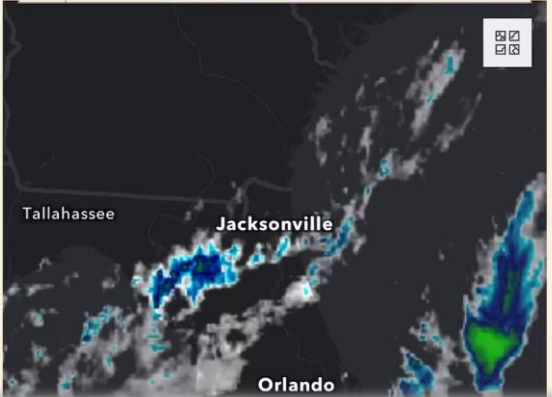
 Follow  Share



  

Severe Weather Information Center 

## Tropical Outlook

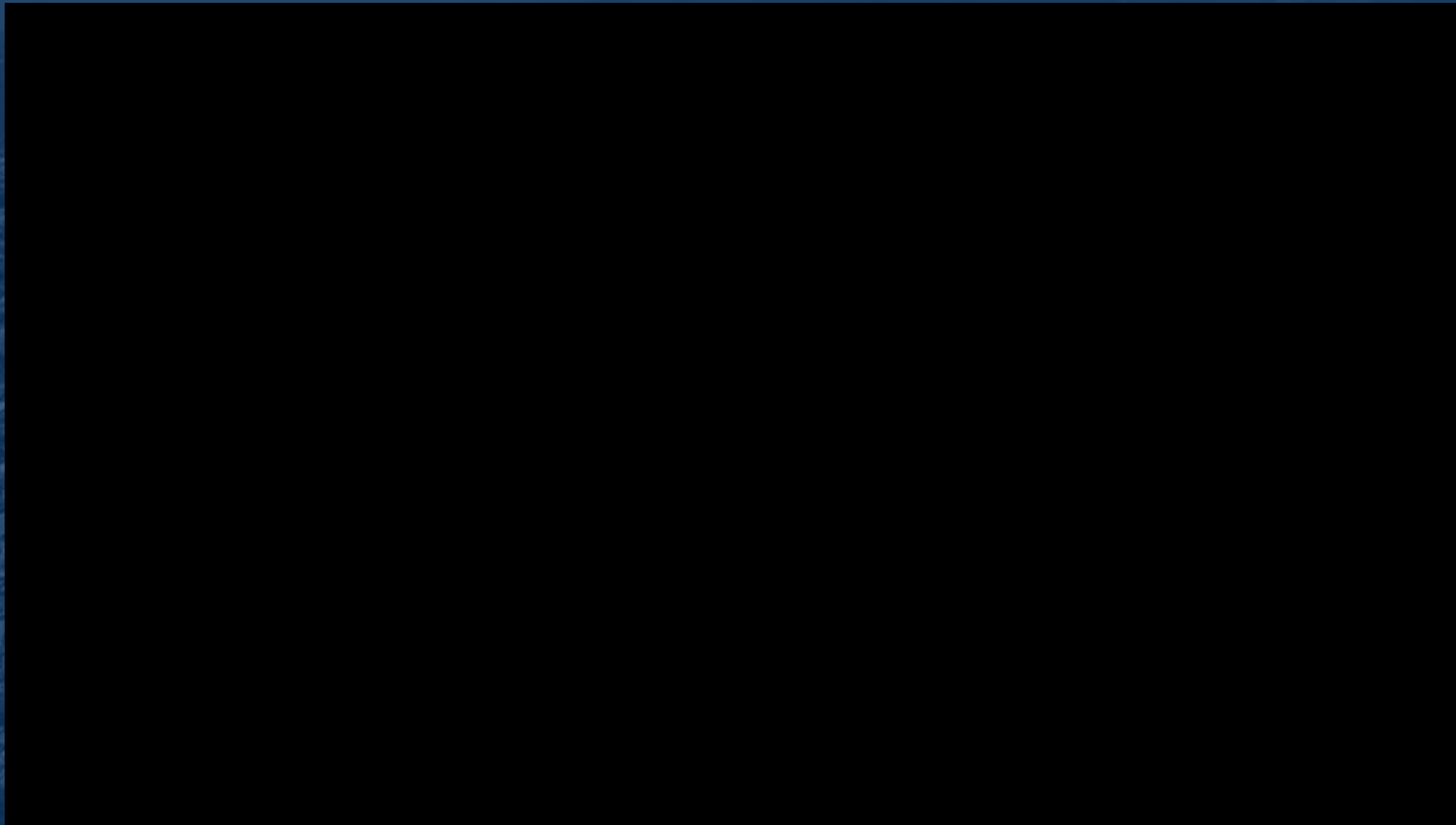
 **Manatee County Tropical Outlook**    



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# Step 1 – Get Connected: Know Your Zone, Know Your Level (Video)



**FIND YOUR  
EVACUATION LEVEL**  
*BY USING THE RESIDENT  
INFORMATION TOOL*

**MYMANATEE.ORG/LEVEL** 🔍

**TYPE IN YOUR ADDRESS**

**CAN'T FIND  
YOUR ADDRESS?  
CALL 311**

**GET CONNECTED** **MANATEE 311** *CONNECTING  
CITIZENS TO  
SERVICES*

**DOWNLOAD THE NEW 311 APP**

Download on the  
App Store

GET IT ON  
Google Play

**MYMANATEE.ORG**





# Step 1 – Get Connected: Special Needs Assistance Registry (Video)



## MyManatee.org/NEEDS

### Services and Contacts

#### Services



##### Check Severe Weather Information

Get information about flood zones, sandbag locations, recovery sites, etc.



##### Find an Emergency Shelter

Find an Emergency Shelter



##### Local Mitigation Strategy

Manatee County is seeking public comment on its updated Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS), a plan for how to proactively prepare for and handle disasters and emergencies in the Community.



##### Plan for a Disaster

Disaster Planning Guides are available at your local Manatee County library and at Manatee County Government offices.



##### Plan for an Emergency: MANATEEREADY

Sign up for Emergency Alerts



##### Severe Weather Transportation Services - MCAT

Manatee County Area Transit transports members of the community who are on the Special Needs Registry to public evacuation shelters when required by a severe weather event.



##### Sign-up for the Special Needs Registry

The Special Needs Registry is designed to assist residents of Manatee County who will require sheltering assistance when the citizen is notified to evacuate their residence because of a storm.



# Step 2 – Get Prepared: Ready your Home and Property

## FLORIDA PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2025



### LOW COST, NO COST DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



Know if your home is in an evacuation zone & develop an informed evacuation plan



Keep vehicles at least halfway full or halfway charged to evacuate if necessary



If you can pick it up, put it up, to keep the area around your home free of harmful debris in a storm

[FloridaDisaster.org/PlanPrepare](https://FloridaDisaster.org/PlanPrepare)



### WELL-WATER PREPARATIONS

BEFORE A STORM



Cover your wellhead and pump. Use a flood-proof well cap.



[MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM](https://MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM)



KEEP STORM  
DRAINS CLEAR  
OF DEBRIS



[MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM](https://MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM)



# Step 2 – Get Prepared: [MyManatee.org/SANDBAGS](https://MyManatee.org/SANDBAGS)

A graphic featuring a close-up of hands filling sandbags. At the top, there are logos for Manatee County Florida and the Manatee County Department of Public Safety. Below the logos, there is an orange banner with a white exclamation mark icon and the text "SANDBAG LOCATIONS WILL REMAIN OPEN". Underneath this, in a dark blue box, is the text "WHILE SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE". A larger orange banner with a white exclamation mark icon and the text "SANDBAG UPDATE" is positioned below that. At the bottom, a grey box contains the text "FOR A FULL LIST OF SANDBAG LOCATIONS: MYMANATEE.ORG/SANDBAGS".

**SANDBAG LOCATIONS  
WILL REMAIN OPEN**

*WHILE SUPPLIES  
ARE AVAILABLE*

**SANDBAG UPDATE**

**FOR A FULL LIST OF SANDBAG LOCATIONS:  
[MYMANATEE.ORG/SANDBAGS](https://MyManatee.org/SANDBAGS)**





# Step 2 – Get Prepared: Disaster Kits

- ✓ Stock enough supplies to last EACH member of a household AT LEAST 7 days
- ✓ Include items for pets & livestock
- ✓ Don't forget to include items like copies of important documents, medication, batteries & nonperishable food



For a full checklist visit [FloridaDisaster.org/Kit](https://FloridaDisaster.org/Kit)



## CUSTOMIZE YOUR DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

### KIDS

- clothes
- water bottle
- toys
- comfort items
- flashlight
- portable chargers



### PETS

- medications
- collars/ID tags
- leashes/carriers
- vet paperwork
- favorite toys
- pet food



### SENIORS

- eyeglasses
- medications
- medical ID
- medical equipment
- official medical documents



FLORIDA  
PREPAREDNESS  
MONTH



# Step 2 – Get Prepared: Lookup Your Shelter & Evacuation Route



**SHELTERS THAT ARE**



***OPEN***

***NOLAN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
MILLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

***\*PET FRIENDLY SHELTER***

**MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM**



# Step 3 – Stay in Touch: County Teams on Alert at the EOC (Video)





# Step 3 – Stay in Touch: County Teams on Alert, So You Stay Safe

A graphic with a background of raindrops on a dark surface. At the top left are the Manatee County and Manatee Sheriff's Office logos. In the center, a white exclamation mark inside a circle is next to the word 'UPDATE' in white text on an orange background. Below this, 'ROAD CLOSURES' is written in large white letters, followed by 'FOR A FULL LIST VISIT:' in smaller white letters. At the bottom, 'MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM' is written in white on an orange background.

**! UPDATE**

**ROAD CLOSURES**

FOR A FULL LIST VISIT:

**MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM**

A graphic with a background of a hurricane over palm trees. At the top left is a white icon of a house with an exclamation mark inside a circle. To its right, 'SHELTER IN PLACE' is written in white on an orange background. At the bottom, 'MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM' is written in white on an orange background, followed by the Manatee County and Manatee Sheriff's Office logos.



**SHELTER IN PLACE**

**MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM**  

A graphic with a background of an aerial view of a road intersection. At the top left is a white icon of a traffic light with an exclamation mark inside a circle. To its right, 'WHEN YOU APPROACH A NON-FUNCTIONING TRAFFIC LIGHT, TREAT IT AS FOUR-WAY STOP' is written in white on an orange background. At the bottom, 'MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM' is written in white on an orange background, followed by the Manatee County and Manatee Sheriff's Office logos.



**WHEN YOU APPROACH A NON-FUNCTIONING TRAFFIC LIGHT, TREAT IT AS FOUR-WAY STOP**

**MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM**  

A graphic with a background of a flooded road. At the top left, 'TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN' is written in white on a dark background. To the right are the Manatee County and Manatee Sheriff's Office logos. In the center, a white exclamation mark inside a circle is next to 'A FLOODED ROAD IS A CLOSED ROAD' in white on an orange background. At the bottom, 'MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM' is written in white on an orange background.

**TURN AROUND  
DON'T DROWN**  

**! A FLOODED ROAD  
IS A CLOSED ROAD**

**MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM**



# Step 3 – Stay in Touch: Report Any Damage or Danger

**IF YOU NOTICE  
STORM DAMAGE,  
REPORT IT**





**DOWNLOAD  
THE 311 APP**

Download on the  
App Store

GET IT ON  
Google Play



**! UPDATE**



**Report Your  
Power Outage**

Florida Power & Light    Peace River Electric  
**800-4-OUTAGE    800-282-3824**

TECO (Tampa Electric)  
**813-228-4111**

**MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM**




**NOTICE A GAS LEAK?**  
**CALL 877-832-6747**  
TECO Peoples Gas

**MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM**







# Step 4 – Find Support: Check for Safety When Returning Home




## RETURNING HOME



*Document all damage*



*Do not touch electrical equipment*



*Clean up carefully*

### 311

- DOWNED POWER LINES
- FALLEN TREES
- ROAD DAMAGE
- LOST PETS
- WELLNESS CHECKS
- UTILITIES QUESTIONS

### 911

- REPORT A FIRE
- STOP A CRIME IN PROGRESS
- REPORT AN ACCIDENT
- SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS
- WHEN LIFE OR PROPERTY IS ENDANGERED



## POST-STORM SAFETY



### KEEP GENERATORS OUTSIDE

& AWAY FROM YOUR HOME

[MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM](https://mymanatee.org/storm)



## TEST YOUR WELL WATER

POST STORM ACTIONS



Residents with private well water are encouraged to test their drinking water to verify its safety.

[MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM](https://mymanatee.org/storm)



# Step 4 – Find Support: Resource Lists at MyManatee.org/STORM



The graphic features a background of rain on a window with palm trees. At the top center is the FEMA logo, which includes the U.S. Department of Homeland Security seal and the text "FEMA". Below this is an orange banner with a white icon of a dollar bill and an exclamation mark, followed by the text "FEMA ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE". Underneath the banner are four white circular icons: a medical kit, a baby bottle, a glass of water, and a fork and knife. Below each icon is its respective label: "MEDICAL SUPPLIES", "BABY FORMULA", "WATER", and "FOOD". At the bottom, it says "SEE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ASSISTANCE HERE:" followed by a large orange banner with the text "DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV".

**FEMA**

**FEMA ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

**MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

**BABY FORMULA**

**WATER**

**FOOD**

SEE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ASSISTANCE HERE:

**DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV**



The graphic features a background of rain on a window with palm trees. At the top right is the American Red Cross logo, consisting of a red cross and the text "American Red Cross". Below this is an orange banner with a white icon of an exclamation mark inside a circle, followed by the text "HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE". Underneath the banner is a white circular icon of a house with a plus sign and an exclamation mark. Below this icon is the text "TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE". At the bottom, it says "PLEASE CALL" followed by a speech bubble containing the text "MANATEE 311".

**American Red Cross**

**HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE**

**TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

PLEASE CALL **MANATEE 311**



# Step 4 – Find Support: Avoid and Report Post-Storm Scams (Video)



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license.com





# Step 4 – Find Support: Promote Recovery and Community Efforts



**RESIDENTIAL  
ASSESSMENT SURVEY**

Help us determine the  
needs of your home  
and/or neighborhood:

**[MYMANATEE.ORG/STORM](https://mymanatee.org/storm)**





# Looking Ahead: Recovery Timeline with Lasting Manatee



Storms  
Make  
Landfall



HUD  
Awards  
CDBG-DR



County  
Calculates  
Damages



Action Plan  
and  
Comments



HUD  
Executes  
Grant  
Agreement



Programs  
Launch  
by Early  
2026



# Looking Ahead: Lasting Manatee's Unmet Needs Assessment



Category	Direct and Indirect Need (A)	Assistance Budgeted and Available (B)	Unmet Need (A - B)	Percent of Total Unmet Need
Housing	\$851,079,323	\$338,565,633	\$512,513,690	40.63%
Infrastructure	\$796,339,234.97	\$48,190,178.98	\$748,149,055.99	59.31%
Economic Revitalization	\$822,628	\$0	\$822,628	0.07%
Total	\$1,648,241,185.97	\$386,755,811.98	\$1,261,485,373.99	100%





# Looking Ahead: Planning Our Spending In Line with Unmet Needs

Program	Staff Recommended Budget	% of CDBG-DR Allocation
Home Recovery Program	\$75,556,000	29.90%
Rental Recovery Program	\$20,000,000	7.91%
Buyout and Safe Housing Program	\$12,000,000	4.75%
Infrastructure Recovery and Resiliency Program	\$125,000,000*	49.46%
Infrastructure Match Program	\$5,000,000	1.98%
Administrative (5% Cap)	\$12,635,000	5%
Planning (15% Cap)	\$2,520,000	1%
TOTAL	\$252,711,000	100%



HOUSING  
~40%



INFRASTRUCTURE  
MITIGATION  
~54%



PLANNING  
ADMINISTRATION  
6%

# Looking Ahead: Home Recovery Program



Rehabilitation, reconstruction, replacement, and/or elevation of single-family and mobile homes. Managed and administered directly by County staff.



Eligibility Criteria	Application Phase I	Application Phase II	Application Phase III	Application Phase IV
50% of AMI and Below	✓	✓	✓	✓
Between 51% and 80% of AMI		✓	✓	✓
Between 80% and 120% of AMI				✓
Home has person(s) under 18, over 62, or with a disability		✓	✓	✓
Home without person(s) under 18, over 62, or a disability			✓	✓

## Eligibility Criteria:

- Primary residences only
- Owned and occupied the property during 2024 Hurricanes and still own the damaged home

## Minimum/Maximum Assistance:

- Rehabilitation: Up to \$250,000\*
- Reconstruction and/or elevation: Up to \$450,000

## Program Requirements:

- Homeowners must occupy property as primary residence (i.e., homestead exemption) and maintain homeowner’s insurance for five (5) years
- If in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), homeowner must obtain and maintain flood insurance (NFIP) in perpetuity

## Recapture Provision:

- Assistance is secured via a 5-year mortgage and promissory note with a declining balance amortized annually until forgiven





# Looking Ahead: Buyout and Safe Housing Program



Home buyouts in repetitive loss and flood-prone areas.



## Who Can Apply:

- Home was damaged in the 2024 Hurricanes and meets FEMA's definition of a Repetitive Loss property
- Home was owned and occupied as a primary residence

## Application Process:

- Priority will be to LMI households earning at or below 80% AMI, as defined by HUD. Assistance may also be available to non-LMI households.

## Eligible Activities:

- Voluntary buyout of homes at pre-disaster fair market value
- Demolition and site clearance
- Environmental cleanup (if necessary)
- Site restoration for open space, floodplain management, or recreation
- Assistance with reasonable moving expenses

## Available Assistance:

- Payout based on pre-disaster market value of home
- Up to \$450,000 per household (including Incentive)

## Safe Housing Incentive

- Up to \$50,000 to help secure new housing (purchase or rent)
- Available to those relocating outside flood-prone areas (SFHA or flood zone)
- Based on income to ensure new housing costs do not exceed 35% of monthly income



# Looking Ahead: Rental Recovery Program



Rehabilitation, reconstruction, and/or elevation of rental units with seven (7) or fewer units. Managed and administered directly by County staff.

## Who Can Apply:

Property owners who:

- Owned the rental unit(s) during the 2024 Hurricanes
- Are free from active code or law enforcement complaints
- Still own rental units damaged during the 2024 Hurricanes

## Application Process:

- Applications processed in the order received, as determined complete and eligible

## Available Assistance:

- Up to \$250,000 for repairs per unit
- Up to \$450,000 for reconstruction and/or elevation per unit



## Eligible Activities:

- Repairing, rebuilding or replacing seriously damaged or destroyed units
- Elevating or rebuilding units in flood-prone areas

## Program Requirements

- Assistance provided as a forgivable loan (10 years for repairs; 20 years for reconstruction)
- Loan require no payments as long as:
  - Repaired unit rent doesn't exceed HOME Fair Market Rent values, and may only be long-term leased
  - Repaired units are only leased to tenants up to 80% AMI
  - Tenants for repaired units must prove Florida residency





# Looking Ahead: Infrastructure Recovery & Resiliency Program



Repair, replacement, or improvement of infrastructure and facilities. Projects awarded to municipalities based on allocations.

## Minimum/Maximum Assistance:

- County Projects:
  - Maximum: \$50,000,000 per project
  - Minimum: \$500,000 per project
- Municipality Projects: Limits to be determined for each municipality based on allocation
  - Minimum: \$100,000 per project

## Program Requirements:

- Each municipality (County representing unincorporated areas) receives an allocation based on population. Projects awarded through an application process, with proposals evaluated for eligibility, LMI benefit, and alignment with County evaluation criteria.
- Projects without disaster tieback may be funded with mitigation set-aside (up to 15% of the allocation)
- County to prepare project recommendations for BCC approval



## Eligible Activities:

- Repair, rehabilitation, mitigation, and resilience upgrades to critical infrastructure systems, including flood control and drainage improvements; water and sewer facilities; and stormwater management systems.
- Acquisition, rehabilitation, construction, reconstruction and/or hardening of eligible public facilities that support community services, emergency response, and long-term recovery.



# Looking Ahead: Infrastructure Match Program



Awarding the non-Federal cost share requirement for infrastructure projects to the municipalities. County staff to provide oversight, technical assistance, and compliance support.

## Eligible Activities:

- Grants to satisfy non-Federal cost share for projects funded by other Federal agencies including FEMA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Projects must comply with all Federal statutory cross-cutting requirements (e.g., Davis-Bacon, Environmental Reviews) that apply to CDBG-DR funds
- CDBG-DR can not pay for costs reimbursable by, or for which funds are made available by, FEMA or USACE

## Minimum/Maximum Assistance:

- Maximum: \$5,000,000 per project
- Minimum: \$150,000 per project

## Program Requirements:

- Open to Manatee County municipalities only
- Projects must have a tieback to 2024 Hurricanes
- Municipalities will submit applications/funding requests to County for evaluation of capacity, community need, project scope, leveraged funds, and LMI benefit
- County to prepare award recommendations for final BCC approval





We're here for YOU  
*Let's stay connected!*



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