

Sarasota County

Resilient SRQ

2024 Storms Debby, Helene and Milton

Draft Action Plan Update and Unmet Needs Assessment

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Agenda

- Background
- Eligible Uses
- Draft Action Plan
- Outreach / Information Gathering
- Public Engagement
- Unmet Needs Assessment
- Board Input and Direction
- Next Steps



Background

Grantee (i.e. State/Local)	Allocation
State of Florida	\$925,394,000
Broward County*	\$29,222,000
Ft. Lauderdale*	\$88,051,000
Hillsborough County*	\$709,324,000
Lee County	\$100,683,000
Manatee County*	\$252,711,000
Orange County	\$33,357,000
Pasco County*	\$585,704,000
Pinellas County*	\$813,783,000
St. Petersburg*	\$159,884,000
Sarasota County	\$210,094,000
Volusia County	\$133,515,000

*First-time CDBG-DR direct allocation grantees.

- On January 16, 2025, HUD published a Federal Register Notice (FRN) identifying allocations for the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for major disasters occurring in 2023 and 2024.
 - 2024 Storms - Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricanes Helene and Milton
 - Sarasota County's Allocation - \$210,094,000.
 - 90-Day Action Plan Deadline - April 21, 2025
 - HUD Comment / Approval - (45) days after Action Plan Submission.
 - Funds regulated by the allocation FRN and a "Universal Notice" FRN.



Background (cont.)

Total Allocation: \$210,094,000

70 % of total funds (\$147,065,800) must be used to benefit LMI (low to moderate income) persons
LMI - defined as 80% Sarasota County's Area Median Income

Must meet a HUD national objective

Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons, have an urgent need, prevent or eliminate slum or blight

Must have a "tie back" to Tropical Storm Debby, Hurricane Helene, and/or Hurricane Debby unless being used for mitigation project (\$27,404,000 available for mitigation projects)

All funds must be used in Sarasota County within six years

All funds must address an unmet need - cannot replace another funding source



Eligible Uses



Housing	Infrastructure	Economic Revitalization	Mitigation	Public Services	Planning
Rehabilitation and repair	Public service facilities (roads, bridges, transit and evacuation corridors)	<u>Must prioritize</u> commercial and retail districts in historically disadvantaged communities	Any activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage and loss to property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters	Employment services, crime prevention and public safety, child care, health services, education programs, energy conservation, services for senior citizens, services for homeless persons, welfare services, recreational services.	Feasibility studies, marketing studies, local mitigation plans, and long-term disaster recovery plans; Capped at 15% of allocation.
Homeowner repair reimbursement	Water, sewer, stormwater, and drinking water infrastructure	Loans and grants to businesses	For the 15% mitigation set-aside, no requirements that project has a direct or indirect tie-in to 2024 storm impacts	Must be a new service or a quantifiable increase to an existing service; Capped at 15% of allocation.	
Single-family and multi-family affordable housing	Aviation, port, and navigation channels	Job training programs			
Voluntary buyout	Non-federal matches (i.e. FEMA HMGP / BRIC)	Financing of efforts that attract and retain workers in devastated communities			
Homeownership assistance	Private shelters*	Business relocation assistance			
Disaster relief payments (utilities, food, clothing)*					
Rental / mortgage assistance*					

*New allowable activities



Draft Action Plan

- Identifies how the proposed allocations meet the long-term recovery needs in the major areas of housing, infrastructure, and economic revitalization.
- Addresses these specific areas:
 - Unmet needs assessment
 - Mitigation needs assessment
 - Fair housing and civil rights assessment
 - Connection of programs to assessments
 - Establish allocation and award caps
 - Establish funding criteria
 - Protocols for substantial amendments
- Unmet needs and action plan evolve over time and may be amended.



Outreach / Information Gathering

- Unmet Needs Survey targeting residents, local businesses, and non-profits was available from January 27 until February 16, 2025.*
- 4 public input meetings at libraries.
- Presentations to community groups.
- Media release, newsletters, flyer distribution and materials, newspaper advertisements.
- Internal stakeholder meetings (stormwater, emergency management, sustainability).
- Input from local, state, and federal governmental partners on storm impacts and resiliency needs.
- Data requests to SBA and FEMA for applicant data, assistance provided, assistance denied, etc.

Activities Planned	Estimated Timeframe
Public Input / Outreach	January - February
Drafting Action Plan	January - February
Direction from Board on Draft Action Plan	February
30-Day Public Comment Period	March
Responding to Public Comments	March - April
Drafting Final Action Plan	March - April
Direction from Board on Final Action Plan	April
Action Plan Submission to HUD	April
HUD Approval of Action Plan	May - June

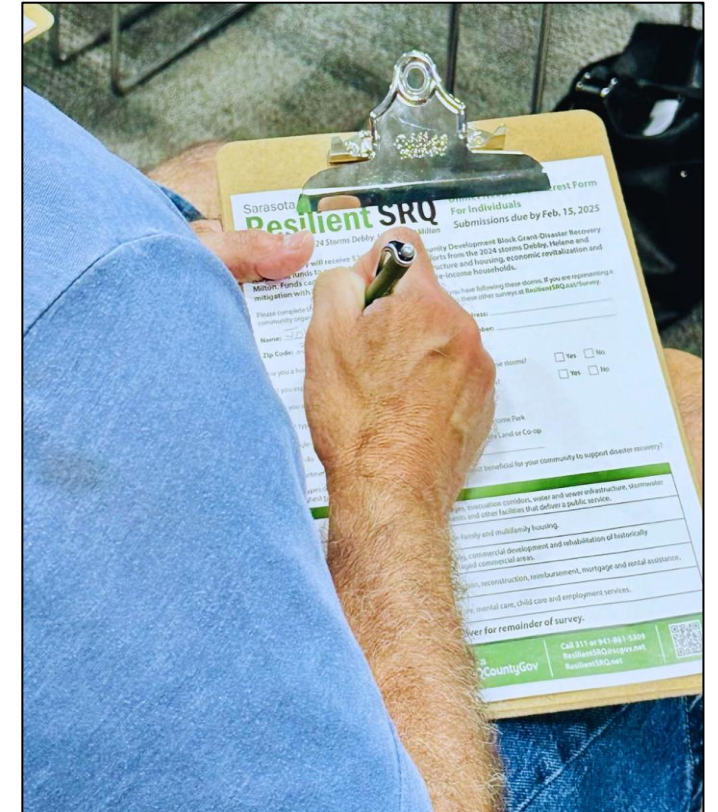
*All survey responses are available on ResilientSRQ.net's webpage for 2024 storms, under "Action Plan / Get Involved"



Public Engagement

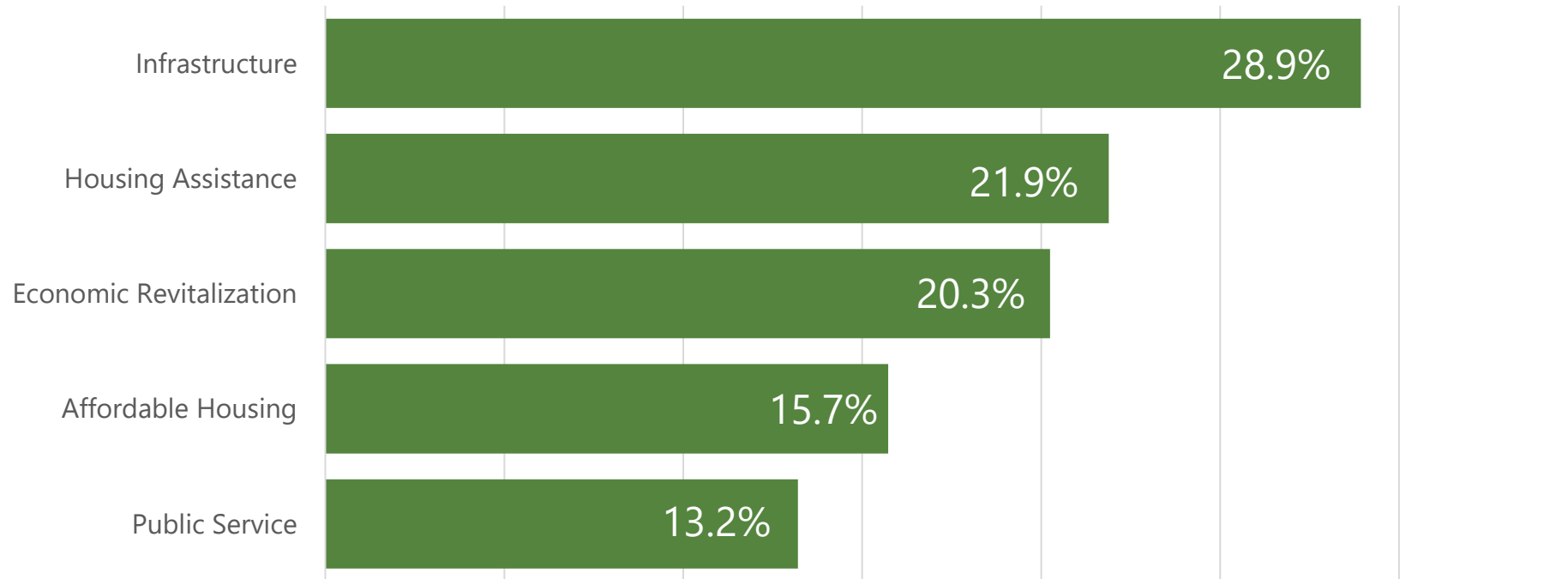
Resilient SRQ staff held 4 public input meetings at our local libraries.

- Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at **Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Public Library**
- Saturday, Feb. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at **Fruitville Public Library**
- Thursday, Feb. 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at **Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library**
- Saturday, Feb. 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at **Gulf Gate Public Library**



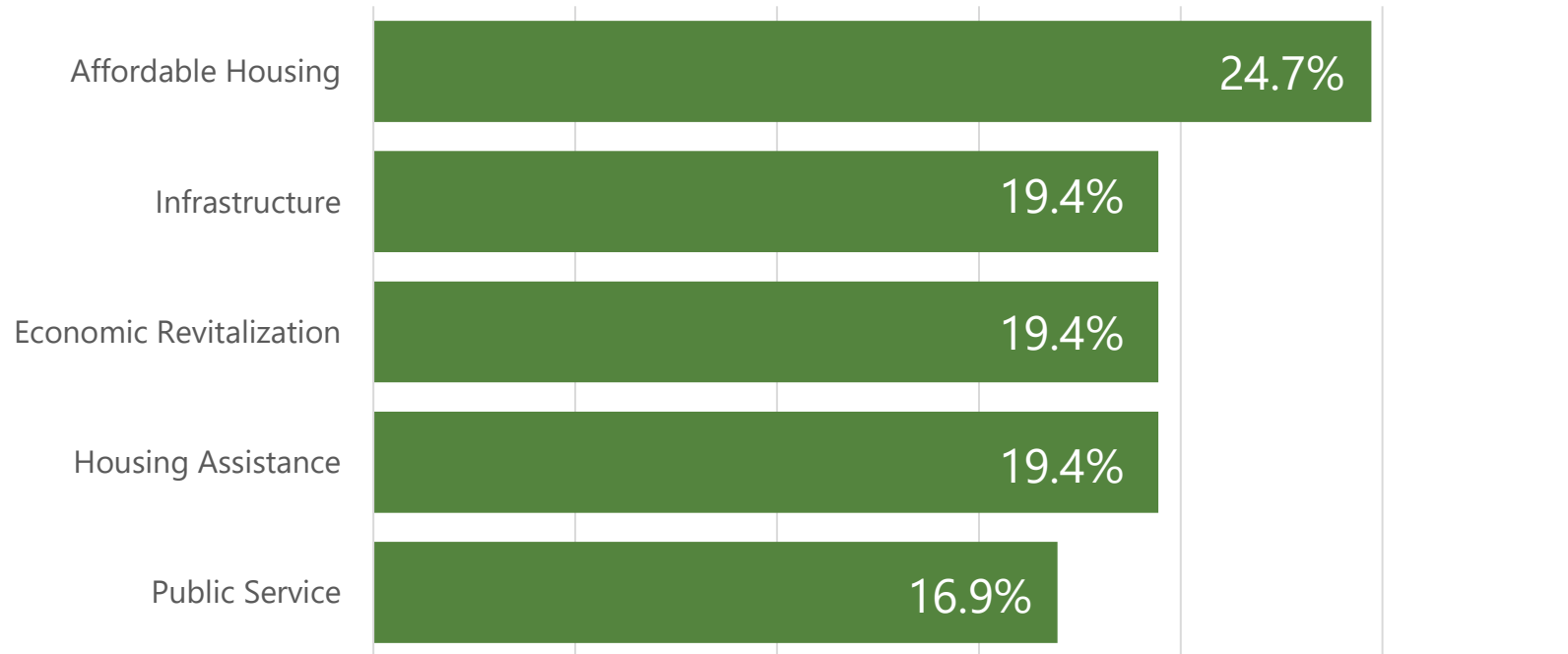
Unmet Needs Assessment - Business

Businesses – 59 Survey Responses (Top Priority Question – Rank Choice):



Unmet Needs Assessment – Non-Profit

Non-profits – 27 Survey Responses (Top Priority Question – Rank Choice):



Draft Action Plan – Proposed Allocation

Category	Allocation Amount	% of Total Allocation	% of LMI Goal
Housing	\$94,589,300	45%	70%
Infrastructure	\$100,000,000	48%	70%
Economic Revitalization	\$0	0%	N/A
Administration	\$10,504,700	5%	N/A
Planning	\$5,000,000	2%	N/A
Total	\$210,094,000	100%	



Draft Action Plan – Proposed Programs

Program	Estimated LMI Funding Goal Amount	Estimated LMI Funding Goal by Program	Total Allocation by Program
Housing			
Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction	\$24,500,000	70%	\$35,000,000
Homeowner Reimbursement	\$10,500,000	70%	\$15,000,000
New Single and Affordable Multifamily Housing	\$17,185,300	100%	\$17,185,300
Resilient Sarasota Single-Family Mitigation Program (15% Mitigation Set-Aside)	\$27,404,000	100%	\$27,404,000
HOUSING TOTAL			\$94,589,300
Infrastructure			
Infrastructure & Public Facilities (Inc. Property Acquisition)	\$28,000,000	70%	\$40,000,000
Dredging of Phillippi Creek	\$42,000,000	70%	\$60,000,000
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL			\$100,000,000
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET		\$149,589,300	\$194,589,300
Sarasota County Administration Activities (5%)	N/A	N/A	\$10,504,700
Planning Activities (2%)	N/A	N/A	\$5,000,000
TOTAL GRANT BUDGET			\$210,094,000



Recommended Motion

B. To provide direction on the recommended allocations and programs for inclusion in the Resilient SRQ CDBG-DR draft Action Plan and unmet needs assessment for 2024 storms Debby, Helene, and Milton.



Next Steps

- Incorporate Board direction and publish draft Action Plan for 30-day public comment period.
 - Anticipated comments methods:
 - Two (2) public hearings – Administration Center and R.L. Anderson Board Chambers.
 - Submit comments online at ResilientSRQ.net.
 - Email comments to ResilientSRQComments@scgov.net.
 - Mail written comments to the Resilient SRQ Office.
- Respond to public comments and incorporate feedback into final Action Plan.
- Return to the Board for direction and approval of final Action Plan.
- Submit Action Plan and certifications to HUD for review and approval.
- Execute HUD grant agreement and launch programs / projects.



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