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# Resilient SRQ

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*2024 Storms Debby, Helene and Milton*

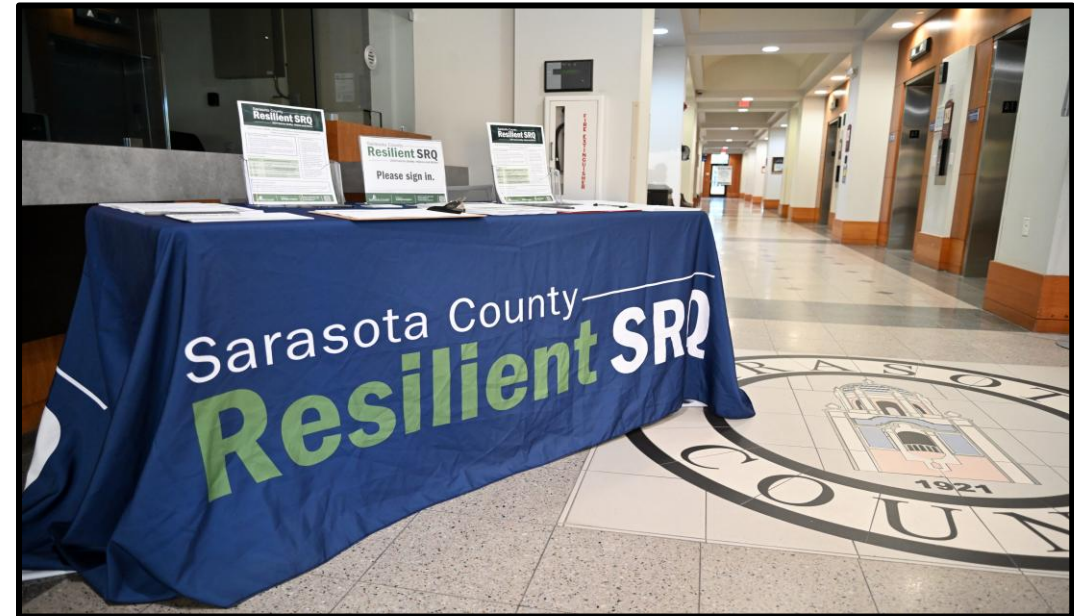
Proposed Final Action Plan  
April 22, 2025

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## Agenda

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- Board Input and Direction
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## 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 - Hurricanes Debby, 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.

\*On March 19, 2025, HUD published a memorandum with revisions to the Universal Notice and extended the Action Plan submission deadline to June 23, 2025, for all CDBG-DR grantees.



## 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 Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and/or Milton 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)	<del>Must prioritize commercial and retail districts in historically disadvantaged communities**</del>	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, childcare, 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

\*\*Updated March 15 HUD Memo



# Outreach / Public Input

## HUD FRN to Board Direction on Draft Action Plan (January 16, 2025, to February 25, 2025)

- ✓ Launch of 2024 storms Resilient SRQ website / brand; Resilient SRQ Newsletters (+1,200 subscribers).
- ✓ Media release, media interviews, flyer distribution and materials at public facilities, social media, and newspaper advertisements.
  - ✓ Unmet needs survey to gather input from individuals, businesses, and non-profits (+1,400 responses).\*
- ✓ 4 public input meetings held at libraries throughout the county, weekday evenings or weekends.
- ✓ Presentations to community groups (i.e. CoC, LTRG, Small Business Roundtable).

## February 25, 2025

**Board direction on proposed programs and projects**

## Board Direction on Draft to Final Action Plan (February 25, 2025, to April 22, 2025)

- ✓ Posted draft Action Plan on Resilient SRQ website with draft summary document / flyer of proposed programs and allocations.
- ✓ 2 live-streamed and recorded public hearings to present on draft Action Plan, answer questions, and hear public comments.
- ✓ In-person, online form, email, and paper comment submissions accepted on draft Action Plan (560 public comments).\*
- ✓ Posted staff comments to public comments received, categorized by topic, on Resilient SRQ website and launch of public Power BI dashboard.

\*All unmet need survey responses and public comments on draft Action Plan are available on ResilientSRQ.net's webpage for 2024 storms



## Outreach / Public Input (cont.)

### Resilient SRQ – Public Hearings:

- Tuesday, March 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at **R.L. Anderson Administration Center (South)**
- Friday, March 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at **Sarasota County Administration Center (North)**

### Public Comments Received (All Formats):

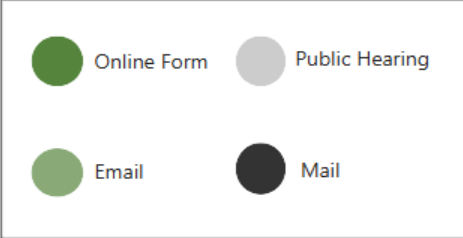
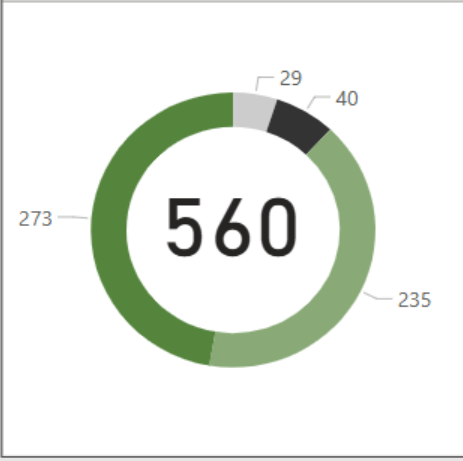
- 560 comments on draft Action Plan



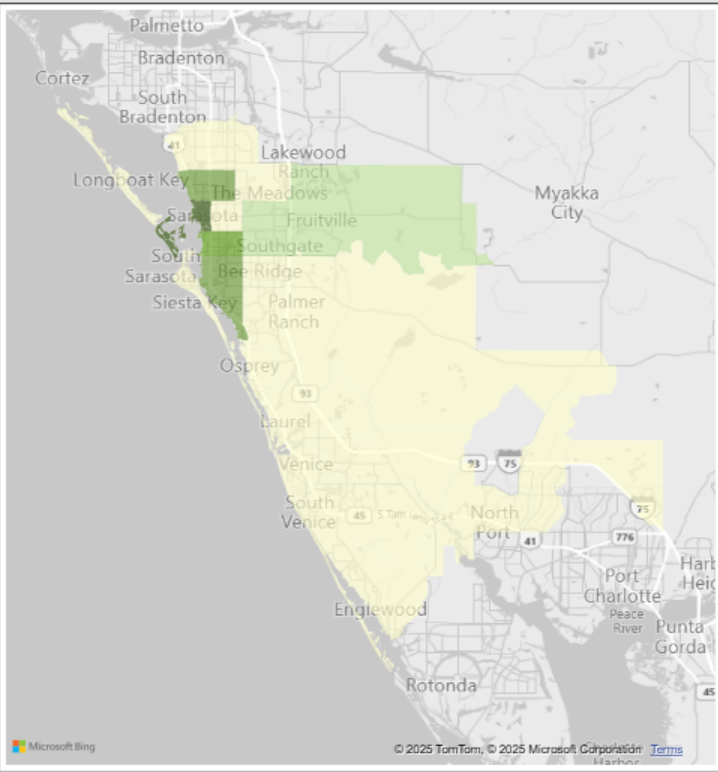
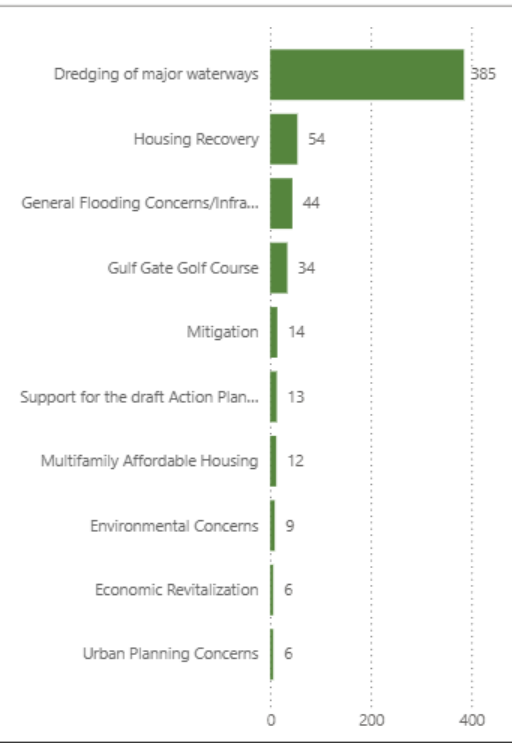
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 [Click here to view all individual public comments submitted.](#)

Number of Comments by Method of Submission



Topics Submitted



County responses to public comments received

Topic Submitted	#of Comments	Summary of Comments Received	County Response
Dredging of major waterways	385	Comments received asked the County to dredge major waterways, including but not limited to Phillippi Creek and Hudson Bayou for stormwater management.	Comments received helped further justify the substantial need for these projects and indicate public support for such projects. No further actions were taken.





# Final Action Plan

- Updates since Draft Action Plan:
  - Edits and revisions required on Action Plan requirements from HUD memos issued March 19 and March 31, 2025;
  - Incorporation of public comments received and staff responses from draft Action Plan;
  - Re-identification of the “Dredging of Phillippi Creek” as its own standalone project within Action Plan; separate from “Dredging of Major Waterways” program / projects.
- Status of Final Action Plan:
  - Prepared by internal staff within last (3) months, half the time from Hurricane Ian (2022) CDBG-DR funds (6) months;
  - Subject to Board direction, staff anticipate submitting Action Plan to HUD for approval ahead of all Florida CDBG-DR grantees, with exception of Lee County.



# Final Action Plan – Proposed Programs

Program	Estimated LMI Funding Goal Amount	Estimated LMI Funding Goal by Program	Total Allocation by Program
<b>Housing</b>			
Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction	\$17,500,000	70%	\$25,000,000
Homeowner Reimbursement	\$5,810,000	70%	\$8,300,000
New Multifamily Affordable Housing	\$30,000,000	100%	\$30,000,000
<b>HOUSING TOTAL</b>			<b>\$63,300,000</b>
<b>Infrastructure &amp; Public Facilities</b>			
Sarasota County, Public Entities, Non-Profits	\$39,962,510	70%	\$57,089,300
Dredging of Phillippi Creek	\$60,000,000	100%	\$60,000,000
Dredging of Major Waterways	\$10,500,000	70%	\$15,000,000
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE &amp; PUBLIC FACILITIES TOTAL</b>			<b>\$132,089,300</b>
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	<b>\$163,722,510</b>		<b>\$195,389,300</b>
Sarasota County Administration Activities	N/A	N/A	\$10,504,700
Planning Activities	N/A	N/A	\$4,200,000
<b>TOTAL GRANT BUDGET</b>			<b>\$210,094,000</b>



## Recommended Motion

To approve the Resilient SRQ CDBG-DR proposed programs and projects to incorporate into the final Action Plan for submission to HUD for 2024 storms Debby, Helene, and Milton.



## Next Steps

- Incorporate Board direction into final Action Plan and submit to HUD, along with additional required certifications.
- Monitoring for HUD comments, review, and approval of the Action Plan, followed by receipt and execution of the HUD grant agreement.
- Return to Board of County Commissioner for an update and direction on proposed programs, application criteria, and scoring.
- Launch programs / projects and start accepting applications.



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