

SARASOTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of Financial Management

TO: Sarasota County Commission
THROUGH: Jonathan R. Lewis, County Administrator
FROM: Kimberli Radtke, Director, Office of Financial Management
DATE: March 19, 2024
SUBJECT: Resilient SRQ Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Presentation on the Resilient SRQ Program.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Overview

On May 18, 2023, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a Notice in the Federal Register allocating \$201,535,000 in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery funds to Sarasota County. Funds are to be used to support Sarasota County's recovery and mitigation efforts following Hurricane Ian, primarily for low- to moderate- income (LMI) persons.

Eligible use of funds includes housing, infrastructure, economic revitalization, and mitigation. CDBG-DR funds must also meet criteria set by HUD, including meeting a HUD national objective, having a direct or indirect tie back to Hurricane Ian except for mitigation projects, addressing an unmet need where no other funding source is available, and being used within six years of signing the grant agreement.

To receive CDBG-DR funds, the County completed and received approval on a series of pre-award certifications, implementation plan, and Action Plan. These documents were approved by HUD on November 21, 2023.

RELEVANT PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

1. May 24, 2023 – Staff provided a presentation on the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery grant, or “Resilient SRQ” providing details on the eligible activities, timeline, and actions taken.
2. July 11, 2023 – The Board considered a presentation on the Resilient Sarasota (SRQ) CDBG-DR Program and draft funding uses. The Board approved Resolution No. 2023-142, delegating authority to the County Administrator or designee to take all actions necessary to manage, administer, allocate, and expend CDBG-DR funds and manage and administer the programs related thereto; and authorizing acceptance of electronic signatures for CDBG-DR Applications, Agreements, and related documents. The Board authorized the selected CDBG-DR projects and project allocations, based on the adjusted spreadsheet figures, for public comment, and to be brought back to the Board in September, which included the below breakdown (5-0 vote).

Program/Project		Total by Project	Total by Program
Housing	Voluntary Buyouts	\$6,458,250	\$101,458,250
	Homeowner Reimbursement	\$15,000,000	
	Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction	\$40,000,000	
	New Multifamily affordable housing	\$40,000,000	
Infrastructure and Public Facilities	Sarasota County, municipalities, not-for-profits	\$45,000,000	\$70,000,000
	South River Road Evacuation Corridor	\$25,000,000	
Economic Recovery	Career/trades training	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
Planning/Administration	Planning	\$5,000,000	\$ 15,076,750
	Administration	\$10,076,750	
		\$201,535,000	\$201,535,000

3. September 12, 2023 – Staff presented public comments and the final Action Plan. The Board approved the final Action Plan for submission to HUD (5-0 vote).
4. January 30, 2024 – The Board approved the recommended eligibility and scoring criteria for the Resilient SRQ Infrastructure and Public Facilities Program (5-0 vote).
5. February 21, 2024 – The Board approved the recommended eligibility and scoring criteria for the Resilient SRQ New Multifamily Affordable Housing Program (5-0 vote).

OUTREACH:

During the unmet needs assessment, input was requested from individuals, organizations, and municipalities in Sarasota County. Additional outreach will be conducted to eligible applicants for each program including information sessions, handouts, e-mails, and media engagements.

PROCUREMENT ACTION:

N/A

FUNDING:

Funding will be allocated directly to Sarasota County through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. There are no additional county match requirements for use of these funds.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Goal: Great Place to Live

Objective: Maintain a safe and healthy community – reality and perception.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff will continue to implement projects and programs as quickly as possible.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S):

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resilient SRQ Presentation