

Pasco County CDBG-DR Action Plan

Pasco County, Florida

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

ACTION PLAN

INTRODUCTION On May 1, 2018 the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) announced the availability of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Funding in the amount of \$22,408,030 resulting from the Presidential Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Hermine (FEMA 4280-0DR-FL). This funding will help to address unmet disaster recovery needs related to damage from Hurricane Hermine in repetitive flood loss areas. Pasco County has been awarded \$2,455,858 in CDBG-DR funding to meet the unmet needs of the community.

PROJECT OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES The Community Development Department will be addressing the unmet needs of homes in repetitive flood loss areas along the Elfers Parkway Area that were directly impacted by Hurricane Hermine through the Voluntary Homeowner Occupied Buyout Program of the Elfers Area. Homeowners may VOLUNTARILY sell their home to the county at pre-Hermine appraisal valuation for subsequent demolition, and if eligible, receive down payment assistance up to \$25,000, if they purchase a new home in Pasco County. All properties acquired by the county will be maintained as greenspace in perpetuity.

Community Development has developed program applications, checklists and program guidelines. Public Town Hall meetings were held for residents outlining the requirements for participation in the program. Homeowners interested in participating in the program are required to complete an application, provide proof of income and property ownership. Each resident application will be reviewed by staff for eligibility for both income qualification and duplication of prior benefits.

Consultants have/will be procured to assist with the above listed activities, including Title services, Appraisals, and Demolition. Environmental reviews, Requests for

Proposals, contractor recruitment, monitoring and project oversight will also be coordinated through the Community Development Department.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES: An estimated 20 LMI homes with unmet needs in hazard and repetitive flood loss areas will be assisted through the Voluntary Homeowner Occupied Buyout Program of the Elfers Area and Housing incentive in the form of a down payment grant. All properties acquired will be demolished and a Land Use Restriction Agreement recorded on the property to prevent future building. HUD income verification requirements will be followed. Duplication of benefit requirements will be followed.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT: All CDBG-DR projects will be managed by the Community Development Department alongside various departments throughout the county, including but not limited to, Emergency Management, Fiscal Services, Legal Services and Purchasing. The department will work with the approved Tier 1 environmental Review, along with necessary reporting, and providing support with audits and monitoring visits as required throughout the program.

PROJECT TIMELINE: The CDBG-DR project will be on a two-year timeline for final project completion, starting from the date of agreement execution (November 25, 2019).

GOALS/MILESTONES: At the completion of the CDBG-DR, an estimated 20 homeowners will be assisted through the Voluntary Homeowner Occupied Buyout Program of the Elfers Area, selling their home to Pasco County and moving into a home in the county that is not in danger of repetitive flooding. After demolition of acquired homes, the land will be maintained as greenspace in perpetuity.