

Seminole County is an entitlement community that receives direct allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Seminole County submitted the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan which outlines the priorities and uses of these federal grants for five years. The Consolidated Plan was approved by the Seminole Board of County Commissioners February 23, 2021 and subsequently submitted and approved by HUD.

Each year Seminole County develops an Annual Action Plan to describe the annual goals and projects that will be implemented. Seminole County Community Services is currently implementing the FY 2024/2025 Action Plan. The 2024/2025 Action Plan was approved in July 2024.

Since the time of the plan approval, Florida was impacted by Hurricane Helene and Milton. Seminole County, along with other impacted communities across the state, experienced economic and housing impacts as a result. As authorized by 42 U.S.C 113654a(c)(1), HUD has determined to make a special allocation of ESG funding to Seminole County to address the needs of homeless individuals or families or individuals or families at risk of homelessness in areas affected by a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) on or after December 20, 2019, whose needs are not otherwise served or fully met by existing Federal disaster relief programs, including the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program under such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b).

Seminole County is slated to receive \$303,030 in special ESG Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) funds Hurricane Ian response. A substantial amendment is necessary in order to program and receive the RUSH funding from HUD.

The proposed amendment is as follows:

1. Programming \$303,030 in RUSH Funds made available through disaster relief

RUSH -\$303,030

RUSH Funds may be used for:

- Shelter Operations-Maintaining a sanitary shelter environment will help to keep staff and participants healthy
- Street Outreach-Materials to assist unsheltered homeless
- Rapid-Rehousing-Rapid-Rehousing assistance
- HMIS/Data Collection
- Grant Administration
- Homelessness Prevention

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program budget will be amended to:

Include a special allocation of ESG funding to address the needs of literally homeless individuals and families or individuals and families at risk of homelessness in areas affected by a major disaster.

ESG-RUSH funding will be allocated as follows: Rapid Re-Housing (\$230,303), Emergency Shelter (\$50,000), and Admin/Planning (\$22,727)

The public comment period will be open from February 2, 2025 through February 25, 2025. Comments will be received at the Seminole County Community Services Department until 4:00 p.m., February 25, 2025. Copies will be available for public review online at [www.seminolecountyfl.gov/departments-services/community-services](http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/departments-services/community-services), or in person at the Community Services Department, 520 W. Lake Mary Boulevard, Suite 100, Sanford, Florida 32773.

Comments should be submitted to Carrie Longsworth via email at [clongsworth@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:clongsworth@seminolecountyfl.gov) or via telephone at (407) 665-2389. Comments may also be mailed to 520 W. Lake Mary Blvd., Suite 100, Sanford, FL 32773. Where applicable, the County will respond in writing, to all public comments received.

This will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval at the February 25, 2025 meeting in the BCC Chambers at 1101 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street Sanford, FL 32771. The meeting starts at 9:30am.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT ADA COORDINATOR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AT (407) 665-7941. FOR HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS, THE FLORIDA RELAY NUMBER IS 1-800-955-8771.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS NOTICE, PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE, AT 407-665-7224. PERSONS ARE ADVISED, IF THEY DECIDE TO APPEAL DECISIONS MADE AT THESE MEETINGS/HEARINGS, THEY WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THEY MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED, PER SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES.