



Miami-Dade County 2008 Storms Disaster Recovery Program (Supplemental CDBG Appropriation)

GENERAL INFORMATION / INTENT TO APPLY

In 2008, Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricanes Ike and Gustav impacted the State of Florida. Individual assistance was provided by FEMA to several eligible counties and Hazard Mitigation grant applications were available to all counties. On a federal level, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009 appropriated \$6.5 billion for recovery from 2008 disasters. Funds must be used only for disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing and economic revitalization in areas affected by hurricanes, flooding and other natural disasters that occurred during 2008, for which the President declared a major disaster under Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Under the Act, Florida will receive a total of \$81,063,855, of which at least \$9,079,866 must be used to address affordable rental housing.

Applications from eligible recipients, representing unmet needs in jurisdictions impacted by the 2008 storms, will be considered in the State's overall Action Plan for recovery. The State's Action Plan is currently in draft form available for review at <http://www.dca.state.fl.us/fhcd/cdbg/disasterrecovery.cfm>. Counties would apply for funding, unless the county designates a municipality that received the greatest damages. All local governments, public housing authorities, and individual county departments will be invited to submit eligible projects for possible inclusion in the County's application to DCA. Funding allocations to the Counties were based on Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) data collected by FEMA and a State applied Simple Allocation. Miami-Dade County (the County) has the opportunity to apply for \$504,969 in disaster recovery funding for damage resulting from Tropical Storm Fay (FEMA-1785-DR dated August 24, 2008).

The Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will administer the state funds. Funds can be used only for repair and long-term recovery in three main areas of unmet needs: public assistance (infrastructure and public facilities), business (commercial revitalization), and housing. The State's priority however, is to make repairs and related improvements to housing and public facilities and if needed, for economic recovery activities, particularly restoration of commercial areas. The majority of the beneficiaries of the funds will be low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents. All housing activities must meet the LMI national objective under the State's plan. Applications for funds will be required to specify proposed activities, proposed units of accomplishment, and beneficiaries in the application.

Funds cannot be used for a project or activity that was underway prior to the Presidential disaster declaration, with the specified time period in the appropriations act, unless the disaster directly impacted the project. Elements of activities that are reimbursable by FEMA or available through the Small Business Administration (SBA) cannot be undertaken with these funds. Failure to document that a project is needed as a result of the disaster or to mitigate the effects of future disasters will result in an application being declared ineligible.

To facilitate the collection and compilation of required project information for inclusion in the final Miami-Dade County application to the State, the County will adhere to the maximum extent possible, the application definitions, guidelines, forms, and application instructions set forth by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The County will participate in a DCA workshop on November 3-4 to review the application and implementation process. The State funding cycle opens on October 27 and will close December 15. A Pre-Meeting/Workshop for Local Applicants for Miami-Dade County's application is tentatively scheduled for November 6 at which time the local application materials will be made available. The deadline for submission of local project applications is **November 16**. All local applications will undergo review by a Technical Review Committee and an independent objective Prioritization Process based on federal and state program requirements.

The proposed local rating criteria will include, and not be limited to, the following:

- The process by which the project was determined to be the community's disaster recovery priority.

- Project description including purpose and how the project meets the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income households.
- Description of the need for CDBG Disaster Recovery Program, supplemental appropriation addressing Tropical Storm Fay funding (i.e. not covered by FEMA, insurance, or other sources of funding).
- Project location relative to hard-hit areas as documented in damage assessments conducted after Tropical Storm Fay (by FEMA or the County's Emergency Operations Center) or other locally derived statistics/assessments of damage.
- The plan to complete the project within the grant funding period.
- The number of applicable units of measure proposed to be provided.
- Project location relative to high-need areas for each jurisdiction.
- The number of beneficiaries for the project (total and LMI).
- The per beneficiary cost of the project (total and LMI).
- The plan to secure all funding required to complete the project.

Local governments, public housing authorities, and county departments in Miami-Dade County are encouraged to participate in this local public comment period on the State's proposed Action Plan and submit the Notice of Intent to Apply due to the County by **October 28**.



INTENT TO APPLY FORM

Name of Local Government/County Department: _____

Address: _____

Telephone and Fax Numbers: _____

Email Address: _____

Local Government/ County Department Key Contact Information
(Name, Title, Telephone Number and Email): _____

Do you intend to apply for 2008 DRP funds, based on damage sustained by Tropical Storm Fay?

- Yes (Estimated amount of request based on unmet needs \$ _____)
- No

What type of activity would you apply for?

- Infrastructure and public facility projects
- Business (commercial revitalization)
- Housing (rehabilitation and replacement for low- and moderate-income persons)

Will you be able to use DRP funds for affordable rental housing as described in the State's Action Plan?

- Yes (Estimated amount of funds is proposed for this activity? \$ _____)
- No

If other funds are available for affordable rental housing, would your organization be interested in the additional funds for this purpose?

- Yes
- No

Will any of the allocation be targeted towards a public housing authority or other nonprofit involved in rental housing for low/mod persons?

- Yes (If yes, state name of housing authority or housing provider) _____
- No

Please provide general description of project/activities.

Signature the Key Contact

Date

DEADLINE: Please return this form to Miami-Dade County, Office of Grants Coordination by fax (305/375-4049) or by email (pdf file) to dtw@miamidade.gov no later than October 28, 2009. For questions, please contact: Miami-Dade County, Office of Grants Coordination, Dan Wall, Director, 305-375-4742.