



PUBLIC NOTICE INFORMATION

NOTICE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY UNDER THE REBUILD FLORIDA GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

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The Public is hereby advised that Miami-Dade County will submit a Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program (GIP) application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on September 17, 2021. These funds were made available to the State for areas impacted by presidentially declared disasters. In April 2018, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the state would receive \$633,485,000 in funding to support long-term mitigation efforts (following Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, and Irma) through HUD's Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. On February 2, 2021, HUD announced an additional \$46.9 million in federal mitigation funding for communities impacted by Hurricane Michael, for a total CDBG-MIT allocation of \$680,385,000. Grant funds are intended to fund disaster mitigation programs to better protect Florida from future disasters. Under the GIP Program, a total of \$175 million is available in Round 2 to fund data-informed investments through high-impact projects that will reduce risks attributable to natural disasters, with particular attention to repetitive losses of property and critical infrastructure. Miami-Dade County's grant application seeks a CDBG-MIT grant request of \$14M.

Grant funds requested will be used to make infrastructure improvements to "Secondary Canals" under Miami-Dade County control within the C-7 Basin. The project is intended to correct deficiencies in elevation in a total of six (6) secondary canals, or approximately six (6) miles. Proposed improvements include raising top of bank elevations and implementing upgrades to culverts to enhance canal storage and conveyance capability using the criteria for future conditions in a 2060 scenario with Sea Level Rise. The proposal also includes improvements to existing outfalls in these secondary canal segments for water quality enhancements.

The secondary canal system is the responsibility of Miami-Dade County. Over the period since 1996, stormwater numerical models have been developed and updated for each watershed in Miami-Dade County. These stormwater master plan updates identify water quantity and water quality challenges and strategies to mitigate impacts to Biscayne Bay, to County properties, and residents. Numerical models are utilized to facilitate the evaluation of drainage and water quality scenarios. The latest 2019-2020 comprehensive update to the Stormwater Master Plan has identified that improvements to several secondary canals are necessary to enhance storage and conveyance capabilities throughout the County's secondary canal system. The estimated project cost is \$14M.

The grant application is posted online at <http://miamidade.gov/grants>. To allow for a 14-day Public Comment Period as required by U.S. HUD's CDBG-Mitigation program funded by HUD under Public Law 115-123, this Public Notice requirement is mandated by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Comments will be received beginning September 2, 2021 until 9 AM on September 16, 2021. The contact person for the application and written comments is Daniel T. Wall, Assistant Director. The email address is Daniel.Wall@miamidade.gov.

More information about Rebuild Florida's Mitigation Programs can be found online for review at <https://floridajobs.org/rebuildflorida/mitigation>.

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