

Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: May 9, 2025

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings and County Commissioners

THROUGH: N/A

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DIVISION: Housing and Community Development Division

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Orange County Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Action Plan for Hurricane Milton and approval and execution of 1) Certifications 2) Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 and Assurances – Construction Programs for Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery; and delegation of limited authority for the County Administrator to execute the CDBG-DR grant agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PROJECT: Orange County Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Action Plan for Hurricane Milton

PURPOSE: In January 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced \$12 billion in disaster relief funding for communities affected by major disasters in 2023 or 2024. Orange County was identified as being one of the impacted areas under Hurricane Milton and will receive \$33,357,000 additional CDBG-DR funds as a direct allocation of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds. The CDBG-DR allocation and program requirements were announced in the Federal Register Notice published on January 16, 2025, with funds made available through the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2025 (Public Law 118-158). One of the major requirements for administering the CDBG-DR grant is the development of an Action Plan. The CDBG-DR Action Plan must include an analysis of unmet needs, citizen input and engagement, and a budget that is reasonably proportionate to its unmet needs. The CDBG-DR Action Plan contains an extensive analysis of the impact and unmet needs of Hurricane Milton on our infrastructure, housing, businesses, and social services. The CDBG-DR Action Plan also highlights the community outreach conducted and feedback received from the County residents.

The CDBG-DR Action Plan for Hurricane Milton outlines how CDBG-DR funds will be used for a range of activities related to infrastructure improvements and mitigation, housing repair and reconstruction, new affordable housing construction and public services related to economic recovery efforts. The grant period is six years from the date the grant agreement is executed. In compliance with HUD regulations, all CDBG-DR funded activities and projects must be eligible under the CDBG program, and at least 70 percent of the funds must be spent on activities benefiting low to moderate income individuals or areas. The CDBG-DR Action Plan was made available for a required 30-day public comment period through May 15, 2025. The CDBG-DR Action Plan is a dynamic document that can be amended as new information is received. The approved CDBG-DR Action Plan must be submitted to HUD for review and final approval. All Districts (Housing and Community Development Division)

BUDGET: \$33,357,000