

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING
City of Springfield, Florida

The City of Springfield is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for Hurricane Michael Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery funds under the Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program (HRP).

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has allocated \$60,406,429 in funding for the Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (DGBG-DR) Program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address unmet disaster recovery needs related to damage from Hurricane Michael.

The funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program is to address unmet disaster recovery needs related to damage and ongoing impacts from Hurricane Michael.

These funds for round 1 must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. Benefit low and moderate income (LMI) persons; or
2. Demonstrate an urgent need in the community.

HRP awards are for the revitalization of a designated commercial district that has been damaged by Hurricane Michael. Projects may focus on the physical revitalization of a commercial district through rehabilitation, reconstruction, or demolition. Eligible uses of funds include, but are not limited to:

- Public facility improvements, including streetscapes, lighting, sidewalks, and other physical improvements to commercial areas;
- Acquisition, demolition, site preparation, or rehabilitation of commercial structures carried out by a unit of local government;
- Assistance to small businesses for rehabilitation and physical improvements to their places of business; and
- Façade improvements to private or public structures in commercial areas.

Applications are due to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on or before April 16, 2021. Additionally, projects must demonstrate damage tie-back to Hurricane Michael and primarily serve LMI populations.

The City identified three suitable projects for this grant opportunity with the assistance of our grant consultant The Integrity Group. These projects will have the best chance of a high scoring in DEO's competitive grant selection process. The proposed projects are as follows:

1. City Commercial Revitalization \$5M

This grant would fund 100% of the anticipated project cost. Approved projects must be completed in two years with a possible 12-month time extension. The identified three projects for this grant opportunity would require grant funding in the amount of approx. \$6,090,000.

A draft application is posted to the City's website. A public comment period to obtain citizen comments concerning the City's intent to apply for these specific projects shall be open until 5:00 p.m. local time on April 16, 2021.

The City of Springfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer and affirmatively furthers fair housing.