**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**

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 General Infrastructure Repair Program.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s (DEO) Rebuild Florida Hurricane Michael General Infrastructure Repair Program was launched with $223,032,145 in funding for infrastructure restoration and improvement projects in communities

impacted by Hurricane Michael.

The funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program 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.

DEO will first consider LMI as the national objective for infrastructure projects. The urgent need national objective will only be used if the project is not LMI but is needed to alleviate emergency conditions.

Eligible local governments and municipalities located in the areas that experienced

Hurricane Michael storm damage are eligible to apply for funding. Program guidelines for the Rebuild Florida Hurricane Michael General Infrastructure Repair Program are available on the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s (DEO) website along with the Request for Applications. Additionally, a recorded webinar is available to provide general information on the program and application submission.

The State of Florida has allocated over $100 million Round 2 funding to the Rebuild Florida Hurricane Michael General Infrastructure Repair Program funded through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR).

The goal of the program is to repair damage to infrastructure while mitigating against future damage to make the community more resilient.

Applications are due to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on or before September 17, 2021. Eligible activities include removal of debris and other damage, water and sewer facilities, repair to public facilities such as emergency community

shelters, demolition, rehabilitation of publicly or privately owned commercial or industrial buildings, repair of homeless shelters and disaster shelter facilities, renourishment of dunes and/or dune restoration, economic revitalization which includes any CDBG-DR eligible activity that demonstrably restores and improves some aspect of the local

economy. Additionally, projects must demonstrate damage tie-back to Hurricane Michael and primarily serve LMI populations.

The City of Springfield proposes applying for five (2) projects primarily focused on the impacts from Hurricane Michael. The potential projects, in total, cost approximately $10 Million as listed in the table below.

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| **Project Name** | **Description** | **National Objective** | **CDBG Request** |
| Police Station | Rebuilding of City Police Station located at new City comprehensive complex | Low-Moderate Income  Urgent Need/ Slum  and Blight | $5 Million |
| Fire Station | Rebuilding of City Fire Station located at new City comprehensive complex | Low-Moderate Income/  Urgent Need | $5 Million |
|  | | | **$10 Million** |

A draft application will be posted to the City’s website [https://www.springfieldfl.net/](http://www.springfieldfl.net/) on September 8, 2021. Hard copies of the draft applications may be obtained upon

request at The City of Springfield Office, 408 School Ave Springfield, FL 32401. 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 September 17, 2021.

The City will also hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, from 3-4pm at The City of Springfield Office, 408 School Ave Springfield, FL 32401.

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