

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DR/HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM
(CDBG-DR/HMGP)
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING**

Washington County, Florida, is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Funding to match up to Twenty-Five (25%) of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program projects that Bay County has applied for and received grant awards or is in the process of being awarded grant funding through Florida Division of Emergency Management.

The State of Florida has been allocated approximately \$109,000,000 that will be made available to cities, town and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible community development activities as a “match” program to the Florida Division of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). These funds must be used to meet one of HUD’s National Objectives which are to benefit low- and moderate-income persons or to meet an Urgent Need.

The projects which the Washington County Board of County Commissioners plans to use the Twenty-Five (25%) CDBG-DR matching funds are as follows:

Project	Projected Project Cost
4399-(104), Washington County, 5 Critical Facilities, Generators	\$599,898.00
4399-028-R (105), Washington County, 19 Residential Properties, Acquisition	\$3,649,338.00
4399-030-R (387), Washington County, 4 Residential Properties, Acquisition	\$344,630.00
4399-(106), Washington County, Williams Road, Drainage	\$1,652,993.00
4399-(107), Washington County, 3 Critical Facilities, Safe Rooms	\$889,457.00
4399-(108), Washington County, Countywide Roads, Drainage	\$14,045,179.00
4399-036-R (110), Washington County, EMS Station, Wind Retrofit	\$44,433.00

More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements and the rating system will be provided at a public meeting which will be held in the **Washington County Board of County Commissioners Boardroom, 1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428 on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM.**

The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the applications. This public notice is being conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure accessibility to all. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this public notification is asked to reach out to Wendy White at 850-415-5151 or wwhite@washingtonfl.com. If you are hearing, speech impaired, or need other accommodations, please contact Mrs. White using Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, which can provide many different services, including English to Spanish translation.

All comments are welcome and must be submitted in writing. For those unable to attend this meeting, written comments will be considered until the close of business on August 30, 2021. Written comments should be mailed to the attention of Karen Shaw, Grants/Special Projects Coordinator, Washington County BOCC, 1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428 or emailed to Kshaw@washingtonfl.com.