

CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Community Meeting Summary October 5, 2023



New Beginnings Church - 6 p.m.
6859 Edgewater Commerce Pkwy.
Orlando, FL 32810

Persons in attendance:
11

Comments/Concerns/Clarifications

- **Funding:** CDBG-DR funds have been allocated to Orange County (not municipalities), but funds can be spent on projects and activities within municipal boundaries.
- **Pre-disaster (Pine Hills):** Power outages due to tree falling, need to cut trees along power lines in Pine Hills.
- **Post-disaster (Pine Hills):** Cleanup of debris in the Pine Hills area took a long time; there are still some debris present.
- **Post-disaster:** Need for emergency shelters; assistance in obtaining generators.
- **Housing:** Any investment in housing should include "sweat equity"; lots of damages to mobile homes.
- **Housing (Dockside condos):** Many people lost their cars during the hurricane (due to flooding); rain events flood the pond; there are water damage and drainage problems that still need to be fixed; project eligibility for CDBG-DR funds—unclear.
- **Damage to businesses:** Dress for Success (nonprofit) had to shut down their location and lay off employees due to damages (building, clothing/merchandise) from Hurricane Ian that insurance did not cover; need for economic development funds.
- **Program eligibility:** Eligibility for individual assistance will likely include "immigrant status," while area improvements (such as public facilities and infrastructure) might have different requirements.

Priorities Identified

HOUSING - 15

- New construction - 1
- Homeownership assistance - 1
- Rental assistance - 3
- Rehabilitation/Reconstruction - 9
- Property buyout - 1

INFRASTRUCTURE - 13

- Public facilities - 0
- Drainage/Utilities - 8
- Water and wastewater facilities - 1
- Other - 4 (tree removal/trimming)

ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION - 2

- Business retention program(s) - 2
- Loans and grants to businesses - 0

PUBLIC SERVICES - 7

- Legal assistance - 2
- Housing counseling - 1
- Mental/Health services - 1
- Housing stability services - 1
- Job training/Placement - 1
- Other - 1

