

DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVES GRANTS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Disaster Recovery Initiatives (DRI) Grants Program provides flexible grants to help city, county and state governments recover from presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

State and local governments in places that have been designated by the president of the United States as disaster areas; some supplemental appropriations may restrict funding solely to states; these communities must have significant unmet recovery needs and the capacity to carry out a disaster recovery program (usually governments that already receive HOME or Community Development Block Grant allocations).

DRI primarily benefits low-income residents in and around communities that have experienced a natural disaster; grantees must award at least half of DRI funds for activities in which the majority of people who benefit have low or moderate incomes or activities that benefit an area in which at least 51 percent of the residents are of low and moderate income.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) generally awards noncompetitive grants by a formula that considers disaster-recovery needs not met by other federal disaster assistance programs; grantees may use DRI funds for recovery efforts involving housing, economic development, infrastructure and prevention of further damage, if such use does not duplicate funding available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Small Business Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Call the numbers below for up-to-date information.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Congressional appropriation; authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES

HUD notifies eligible governments, which must then develop and submit an Action Plan for Disaster Recovery before receiving DRI grants; the Action Plan must describe the needs, strategies and projected uses of disaster-recovery funds.

MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Program rules are published by notice in the Federal Register, based on requirements in each appropriations act.

CONTACT

State of Florida Department of Community Affairs; (850) 922-1879.

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Jurisdiction: the following 36 counties in North Florida: Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Columbia, Clay, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Okaloosa, Putnam, St. Johns, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton and Washington.

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Jurisdiction: the following 10 counties in South Florida: Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach.

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Jurisdiction: the following nine counties in East Central Florida: Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, St. Lucie, Seminole and Volusia.

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Jurisdiction: the following 12 counties in West Central Florida: Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter.