

## REBUILD FLORIDA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT MATCH PROGRAM (HMGMP) APPLICATION

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Local Government Applicant Name:	DeSoto County
Official Project Title:	Library Hardening and Generator Project
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	GH9DBEQV5KK3
Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN):	59-6000579

Application Preparer: (This is the city/town/county employee that FloridaCommerce will contact regarding any question within your submitted application.)

First and Last Name:	Dennis Johnson
Title:	Grants Coordinator
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Local project manager/lead contact: (This is the person who will lead the project locally.)

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### Location of Proposed Project

Street Address:	125 North Hillsborough Ave.
City:	Arcadia
State:	Florida
Zip:	34266

Please select which qualifying county this project is located in:

#### HUD MIDs

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brevard           | <input type="checkbox"/> Manatee  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte         | <input type="checkbox"/> Monroe   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collier           | <input type="checkbox"/> Osceola  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DeSoto | <input type="checkbox"/> Pinellas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardee            | <input type="checkbox"/> Polk     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highlands         | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminole |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hillsborough      | <input type="checkbox"/> Putnam   |

#### State MIDs

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flagler | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glades  | <input type="checkbox"/> Okeechobee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hendry  | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Johns  |

Does the proposed project exist within a fiscally constrained county (per [S. 218.67\(1\) F.S.](#))?

- Yes       No

If "Yes," please select which fiscally constrained county:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DeSoto (HUD) | <input type="checkbox"/> Highlands (HUD)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glades (State)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Okeechobee (State) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardee (HUD)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Putnam (HUD)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hendry (State)          |   |



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## Division of Community Development Office of Long-Term Resiliency (OLTR)

### NATIONAL OBJECTIVE

Please select which National Objective the project addresses:

Low-Moderate Income (LMI)

Urgent Need (as outlined in the conditions of the HMGMP section of the Hurricane Ian Policy Manual)

Total service area population served:	33,976
Total LMI population served:	7626
Total Low- Income citizens served:	
Total Moderate- Income citizens served:	\$50,868
Total LMI percentage (%):	12.3%
Percentage of Total UGLG Population to be Served by this project:	33976

How was the LMI data obtained for this project?

Survey Data

Census Block Data

Please specify which census block groups were used in calculating your LMI service area.

Please [\[Attach\]](#) your LMI service area map.

The required LMI map should encompass the entire area benefiting from the project and depict all project sites if multiple locations exist. Applicants are to utilize HUD's Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) Area Data to determine the project benefits LMI families in the surrounding area. Applicants can also develop an income survey of the area as an alternative to the Census Data. HUD provides a demonstration to determine the area of benefit, whereas at least 51 percent of the residents shall be LMI to qualify for CDBG-DR assistance.

Map Tutorial Link:

Map URL Link:

If a survey was used to determine the LMI for your project, please upload the applicable survey data.

[\[Attach\]](#)

If you selected the "Urgent Need" National Objective, please select the applicable criteria, and provide a written justification on how this project qualifies to participate in the HMGMP.

- The existing conditions must pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.
- The existing conditions are of recent origin or recently became urgent (generally, within the past 18 months).
- The grantee is unable to finance the activity on its own.
- Other sources of funding are *not* available.

The Library serves as a public building connecting citizens with information. It also has served to house the National Guard, FEMA DRC, and provided a connection point for many FEMA workers. Many citizens will look to the Library for the usage of their computers to file claims, print and scan documents to support their claims from the disasters. The Library holds many historical documents that are not found anywhere else. The parking lot serves as a base camp for many agencies to compile data to better serve the citizens such as FEMA.

### HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED AREA(S)

Historically underserved, geographic areas are those comprised of 51% or more population density of primary residents that are persons of color, persons of Native or Indigenous heritage, persons 62 years or older, and/or other historically underserved communities.

**Please specify the applicable demographic information for the census block group(s) associated with this project.**

*All Census Block Groups provided in the previous section must be incorporated into these numbers.*

<b>American Indian and Alaska Native:</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Asian:</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Black or African American:</b>	<b>4,270</b>
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	<b>10,011</b>
<b>Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Some Other Race:</b>	<b>4,053</b>
<b>Two or More Races:</b>	<b>3,956</b>
<b>Person(s) 62 years or Older:</b>	<b>9,379</b>
<b>Other (non-specified):</b>	
<b>Total Historically Underserved Population:</b>	<b>33,976</b>

Map Link:

*Block Groups and Tracts*

[https://data.census.gov/map/0100000US\\$0500000/ACSDT5Y2020/B19083/B19083\\_001E?layer=VT\\_2020\\_140\\_00\\_PY\\_D1&breaks=Manual\(0.5\)&loc=28.1080,-81.9707,z6.0276](https://data.census.gov/map/0100000US$0500000/ACSDT5Y2020/B19083/B19083_001E?layer=VT_2020_140_00_PY_D1&breaks=Manual(0.5)&loc=28.1080,-81.9707,z6.0276)

*Citywide*

[https://data.census.gov/map/0100000US\\$0500000/ACSDT5Y2020/B19083/B19083\\_001E?layer=VT\\_2020\\_160\\_00\\_PY\\_D1&breaks=Manual\(0.5\)&loc=28.3135,-83.0454,z6.9752](https://data.census.gov/map/0100000US$0500000/ACSDT5Y2020/B19083/B19083_001E?layer=VT_2020_160_00_PY_D1&breaks=Manual(0.5)&loc=28.3135,-83.0454,z6.9752)

*Countywide*

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**Please select which CDBG-DR eligible HMGMP activity that best describes your proposed program or project:**

- Acquisition or relocation of hazard-prone structures
- Aquifer storage and recovery
- Debris removal
- Elevation of flood-prone structures
- Flood diversion
- Floodplain and stream restoration
- Infrastructure protection measures
- Minor structure flood control
- Permanent generators for a critical facility (not for the general conduct of government)
- Repair and hardening of existing buildings and facilities (not for the general conduct of government)
- Community safe room construction and/or homeless shelter
- Stormwater management improvements
- Relocation of police and fire facilities (moved out of floodplain)
- Relocation of UGLG owned and operated utilities (above ground to below ground)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Write an overview/summary of the HMGMP project being proposed.

Please include the following:

1. Project purposed.
2. How the work will be completed.
3. The team responsible for completing the work.
4. Method(s) used to determine funding requested.
5. Anticipated outcomes.
6. How the project will be maintained after it is completed.

The purpose of this Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery project is to improve the resilience and continuity of operations of the DeSoto County Public Library, a critical community facility that supports disaster response and recovery efforts. The library serves as a hub for emergency services, including housing the National Guard, operating as a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), and providing residents with access to technology, information, and assistance. This project aims to reduce the facility's vulnerability to hurricane-related hazards, including high winds and extended power outages, by installing hurricane impact-resistant windows and doors and a permanent backup generator.

The proposed work will be completed through the procurement of qualified, licensed contractors in accordance with local, state, and federal procurement requirements. The project will include the removal and replacement of existing windows and doors with impact-resistant systems, as well as the purchase and installation of a properly sized generator capable of supporting critical building operations. All work will follow applicable building codes, hazard mitigation standards, and manufacturer specifications to ensure long-term durability and effectiveness.

The project will be managed by DeSoto County, with oversight provided by County administration and appropriate departments, including County Engineer. The County will coordinate with contracted professionals, engineers (if required), and vendors to ensure proper installation and compliance. Grant administration and reporting will be handled in accordance with CDBG requirements.

The funding request for this project was developed using contractor estimates, vendor pricing, and cost projections based on current market conditions. Due to recent disaster events, including Hurricane Ian, contractor availability has been limited,

### DAMAGE SUMMARY

Write an overview/summary of how Hurricane Ian's damage impacted the service area and specifically this project.

The proposed Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery project will strengthen and enhance the resilience of the DeSoto County Public Library, a critical community facility that plays a central role in disaster response and recovery. The library has historically supported emergency operations by housing the National Guard, serving as a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), and providing workspace for FEMA personnel and partner agencies. It also functions as a vital resource hub where residents access technology, receive assistance with disaster claims, and obtain critical recovery information.

DeSoto County is a rural, fiscally constrained community that has experienced multiple significant storm events, including Hurricane Charley, Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Ian. These disasters have caused widespread emotional, physical, and financial impacts on residents, highlighting the need for reliable, resilient public facilities. The library is particularly important for vulnerable populations, many of whom rely on its computers, internet access, and staff support to complete essential recovery tasks such as filing claims and submitting documentation. However, the facility is currently vulnerable to storm damage and power outages, limiting its ability to operate during and after hazard events.

To address these vulnerabilities, the project will install hurricane impact-resistant windows and doors and a permanent backup generator. These improvements will protect the building envelope from high winds and debris while ensuring continuity of operations during power outages. The generator will enable the library to function as a comfort station and communication center for displaced residents, allowing uninterrupted access to essential services and support.

This project will provide substantial benefits to the approximately 34,000 residents of DeSoto County. By reducing facility downtime and maintaining access to critical services, the project will accelerate community recovery and reduce the economic burden on residents who would otherwise need to travel outside the county for assistance. Additionally, the improvements will enhance public safety, support emergency response efforts, and reduce future repair and recovery costs. Given the county's limited financial capacity—reflected in a higher-than-average poverty rate and significantly lower median income compared to the state—federal mitigation funding is essential to implement this project and strengthen long-term community resilience.

### **UNMET NEED**

**Describe how the proposed activity will address an Unmet Need tied to the impact of damage from the disaster (Note: All CDBG-DR activities must clearly address an impact of the disaster).**

Providing funding to install a generator and Hurricane impact-resistant doors and windows will have a positive economic impact to continue to function allowing residents to receive the crucial services needed. If residents must travel out of County for the services, this causes an economic impact on the resident.

Having a generator and impact-resistant doors and windows will reduce downtime, and expedite the process of administering much-needed services to the community. Affecting the health and safety of every citizen in DeSoto County and the many volunteers who serve in this time of need. With weather and climate conditions in the future ongoing, the ability to mitigate future potential damages is another financial saving to the taxpayer. The County population severed is approximately 34,000 residents in this rural area which means all residents will benefit from the replacement of windows and doors with this project.

### BUDGET, ACTIVITY WORK PLAN, DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS

#### **Budget, AWP, and DOB Template**

[[Attach](#)] Budget, Activity Work Plan, and Duplication of Benefits Worksheet.

[[Attach](#)] Quotes/Estimates used to determine funding request.

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[[Attach](#)] Map clearly showing Project Location and/or Service Area.

[[Attach](#)] Most Recent Flood Plain Map.

### PICTURES

**Upload either up to ten (10) photos of the service area or any other relevant photos for the scoring team to review regarding the program or project.**

Picture(s) [[Attach](#)]

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC NOTICE

**All applicants must conduct a public hearing or public comment period, notifying their citizens of their intent to seek CDBG-DR funding. In order to satisfy this requirement, please provide documentation for one of the two methods below.**

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## Division of Community Development Office of Long-Term Resiliency (OLTR)

### Public Hearing

Date of Hearing Notice:	
Date of 1 <sup>st</sup> Public Hearing:	

#### Documentation of Public Hearing Notice [\[Attach\]](#)

#### Documentation of 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing

- Public Hearing Meeting Minutes [\[Attach\]](#)
- Public Hearing Certification [\[Attach\]](#)
- Citizen Participation Plan [\[Attach\]](#)
- Citizen Complaint Policy [\[Attach\]](#)
- Citizen Complaints from Public Hearing [\[Attach\]](#)

### Public Comment Period

Date of Public Notice:	4/12/2026
Public Comment Start Date:	4/12/2026
Public Comment End Date:	4/27/2026

#### Documentation of Public Notice [\[Attach\]](#)

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- Citizen Participation Plan [\[Attach\]](#)
  
- Citizen Complaint Policy [\[Attach\]](#)
- Citizen Complaints from Public Comments [\[Attach\]](#)

### CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

As authorized Executive Officer, I certify that staff, contractors, vendors, and community partners of the CDBG-DR initiative:

- A. Will comply with all HUD and Florida requirements in the administration of the proposed CDBG-DR funded activities;
- B. Will work in a cooperative manner to execute the Subrecipient Agreement that provides the pathway for successful CDBG-DR program(s) and/or project(s) and;
- C. Certify that all information submitted in this Application is true and accurate.

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*Signature*