

**CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The City of Apalachicola Board of Commissioners is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for Hurricane Michael Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program. The Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program is designed to provide funding for local governments to carry out strategic and high-impact activities to rebuild and harden infrastructure, to prevent or reduce losses in future disasters. This program is not designed for individual homeowner repairs or assistance.

The State of Florida has been allocated funds that will be made available to cities and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible activities. The total allocation under the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program is \$223,032,145 (awarded in two application rounds, with the first round equaling \$111,516,145) These funds for Round I must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. benefit low and moderate (L/M) income persons; or
2. meet a particularly urgent community development need.

Applications are due to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on or before November 30, 2020. 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 L/M populations.

A public hearing to provide specific details regarding the proposed projects, program requirements, the application process, and to obtain citizen comments concerning the City's anticipated projects for the first round of applications shall be held at City of Apalachicola Community Center, 1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, FL on November 16, 2020 at 5:15pm local time. For information concerning the public hearing, contact Leo Bebeau, at (850)653-9319, or by e-mail at lbebeau@cityofapalachicola.com

During this meeting, social distancing and mask rules will apply. Seating will be limited and on a first come, first serve basis. However, the meeting will be live streamed and can be accessed via a link on the City website, or contact Travis Wade, at (850)653-9319.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk, at 192 Coach Wagoner Blvd. Apalachicola, FL, or by phone at (850)653-9319 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

The City of Apalachicola does not expect that anyone will be permanently displaced as a result of CDBG-DR funded activities.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, and you possess TDD equipment, you may contact the City Clerk using the Florida Dual Party Relay System, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-7661(TDD).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact the City Clerk, at 192 Coach Wagoner Blvd. Apalachicola, FL, or by phone at (850)653-9319 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided.

A public comment period to obtain citizen comments concerning the City's intent to apply for funds shall be open until 5:00 p.m. local time on Friday, November 27, 2020. Any comments must be received by Leo Bebeau, at (850)653-9319 or by e-mail at lbebeau@cityofapalachicola.com, and will be incorporated into the application.