

Mobile County Commission Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Unmet Needs Assessment (UNA)

Hurricanes Sally and Zeta 3rd Public Engagement Meeting



City of Bayou La Batre

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Agenda

- CDBG-DR and Eligibility Overview
- UNA Overview and Breakout Sessions
- Next Steps
- Discussion and Questions

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<https://alabamane.wscenter.com/2020/09/15/a-look-at-alabama-gulf-coast-as-hurricane-sally-approaches/>

Goals

- Explain how the information gathered from the community will assist with the Unmet Needs Assessment development.
- Provide an overview of next steps as the Unmet Needs Assessment is developed.
- Explain how the finalized Unmet Needs Assessment will be used by the Mobile County Commission to develop the Local Recovery Plan



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CDBG-DR and Eligibility Overview

Purpose of CDBG-DR Funds

- CDBG-DR funding is designed to address housing, infrastructure, economic development and mitigation needs that remain after other assistance has been exhausted, including federal assistance as well as private insurance.
- To provide flexible grants to states and local governments to support long-term recovery efforts.
- Act as a source of funding to address unmet needs associated with housing, infrastructure, economic revitalization and, often, mitigation.
- With requirements to focus on low- and moderate-income populations, CDBG-DR benefits communities and neighborhoods that otherwise might not recover from a disaster due to limited resources.



Total Allocation Overview

- MCC is a Subrecipient to ADECA and received an allocation of **\$28,379,808**. The designation for the funds are:
 - Housing Activities - **\$12,135,432**
 - Non-Housing Activities - **\$15,244,376**
 - Local Recovery Planning Program - **\$1,000,000**
- In order to be funded through the CDBG-DR, each activity must:
 - Be **eligible** for CDBG-DR funding
 - Meet a **CDBG national objective**
 - Have a **tieback** to the storm/disaster
 - Meet an **unmet recovery need**



Funds must:

Document a tie to the qualifying disaster (except for mitigation activities).

- The tie-back to the disaster can be shown using damage or insurance estimates or post-disaster assessments.

Meet a national objective

- Low/Moderate Income Benefit (LMI)
- Urgent Need
- Elimination of slums or blight

CDBG-DR Funding Process Flow





CDBG-DR Eligible Activities

- CDBG-DR Appropriations – CDBG-DR funds must be used for *“...necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing, economic revitalization and mitigation against future disasters...”*
- As part of the Subrecipient Agreement with ADECA, the Mobile County Commission must spend \$12,135,432 on Affordable Housing related activities and \$15,244,376 must be spent on Non-Housing related activities.

All potential projects and partners will be guided by eligible activities and unmet needs. Not all municipalities, tribes, districts are guaranteed to receive CDBG-DR Funding.

ADECA Single-family Home Repair Program

- ADECA is administering the Home Recovery Alabama Program (**HRAP**) which will provide housing assistance to eligible single-family owner/occupant applicants (Owner-Applicants) and owners of single-family rental properties (Landlord-Applicants) affected by Hurricanes Sally or Zeta.
- HRAP assists property owners by providing funding to **repair, reconstruct, or replace** single-family homes that suffered damage from one or both of the qualifying storms.
- The program serves low- to moderate-income (**LMI**) households impacted by the qualifying storms in nine (9) HUD- and State-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (**MID**) counties, which include: Mobile, Clarke, Baldwin, Escambia, Dallas, Marengo, Wilcox, Perry, and Washington counties.
- The HRAP application period is currently **closed**.



For additional information individuals may contact the HRAP call center at **(251)265-7958**.

HRAP Applications In Process for Mobile County

Applications by Municipality	Zip Code(s)	Number of Applicants
Axis	36505	2
Bayou La Batre	36509	1
Chickasaw	36611	15
Churchula	36521	1
Citronelle	36522	5
Coden	36523	1
Creola	36525	1
Dauphin Island	36528	2

Applications by Municipality	Zip Code(s)	Number of Applicants
Grand Bay	36541	21
Irvington	36544	15
Mount Vernon	36560	11
Prichard	36610, 36612, 36613	172
Saraland	36571	8
Satsuma	36572	1
Semmes	36575	3
Theodore	36582	18

Total Number of Applications:	277
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Housing Allocation

Affordable Housing activities can consist of the following:

- New Construction
- Rehabilitation
- Demolition

Property types generally consist of:

- Single-family
- Multi-family
- Apartment Complexes
- Townhomes



What is Affordable Housing?

HUD defines Affordable Housing as housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30 percent of their gross income for housing costs, including utilities.

Grantees must expend (unless stated otherwise in the Federal Register Notice) no less than 50 percent of their grant award for activities which support the recovery of households at or below 80 percent of Area Medium Income (AMI).

Eligible Applicants

For Housing Programs/Projects the following entities are eligible to build Affordable Housing:

- Municipalities
- Tribes
- Non-profit Organizations
- Developers

After the development for Affordable Housing is completed, an application process for potential residents will be conducted targeting low- to moderate –income (LMI) individuals in need of assistance.



Community Wide Impact

The development of Affordable Housing presents the following community wide impacts:

- Economic stability
- Social cohesion
- Neighborhood revitalization
- Improved health and mental health
- Positive educational outcomes

Non-Housing Allocation

Infrastructure

Repair, replacement, or relocation of damaged public facilities.

Economic Revitalization

Workforce training program/ Downtown revitalization improvements.

Planning

Vulnerability analysis, resiliency plan, stormwater management plan.

Mitigation

Elevating critical infrastructure.



Eligible Applicants

For Non-Housing Programs/Projects the following entities are eligible to apply:

- Local and Municipal Governments (including departments and divisions)
- Free-standing local and municipal government facilities (libraries, parks, Fire and volunteer fire departments, first responder facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, etc.)
- Public Schools, including Districts and Charter schools
- Public Universities and Colleges
- Public Hospital and Health Systems
- Nonprofits determined to be eligible to receive federal funding

Community Wide Benefit

The completion of non-housing related projects has many community wide benefits such as:

- Economic development
- Enhanced public safety
- Environmental sustainability
- Improved community livability
- Social equality



Ineligible Uses of Funds

Ineligible CDBG-DR uses include, but are not limited to:

- Buildings for general conduct of government (exceptions have been granted).
- Operation and maintenance expenses.
- Political activities.
- Activities restricted in the appropriation laws.
- Activities with no link to identified disaster-related impact (except for mitigation activities).



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Unmet Needs Assessment (UNA)

Where we currently are:



*It is important to note, that program implementation is dependent upon the approval of the LRP from ADECA.
All dates provided for activities that happen after the LRPs adoption, are subject to change.*



Unmet Needs Assessment (UNA) Overview

The Unmet Needs Assessment (UNA) is an assessment that is conducted to determine the community's current unmet needs. The UNA must:

- Be completed before deciding how to allocate the CDBG-DR funding.
- Identify and prioritize critical unmet needs for long-term recovery.
- Should also consider work already accomplished, community goals, and the County's capacity to plan for, manage, and implement a coordinated long-term recovery process.
- Each municipality, tribe and/or organization's data is critical to obtain the most accurate assessment of the community's needs.
- Will be used to develop the Local Recovery Plan.

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Unmet Needs Assessment Process Flow



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Data Collection and Analyzation

Part One: Assess the Current Situation

- Collect post-disaster data and assistance.
- Analyze the data collected considering the impact of short-term recovery efforts.
- Develop data sets and tables.

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Part Two: Estimate Unmet Needs

- Address broad disaster impacts, not just damage.
- Identify Unmet Needs by CDBG-DR program type.

Affordable Housing Discussion



Infrastructure Discussion



Economic Revitalization Discussion





Next Steps

UNA and LRP Timeline



Local Recovery Plan (LRP) Overview

A Local Recovery Plan is a formal document that serves as a guide for the community's disaster recovery needs.

- The Plan will utilize the housing, infrastructure and economic data collected during the UNA to develop a comprehensive plan.
- The Plan will expand upon community needs, provide a framework for awarding projects, include budgets per program/project and set the groundwork for implementation of the projects.
- The Plan will set a timeline to spend all CDBG-DR funding prior to May 18, 2028 (closeout starts six months prior to the end date).

Infrastructure



**Economic
Revitalization**



Housing



What happens After the LRP is Approved?

- The LRP must be approved by ADECA prior to any projects being funded.
- Once approval has been obtained, the Mobile County Commission is committed to awarding projects that will benefit the community and serve the most residents.
- Application cycles will be held for both Housing and Non-Housing activities to determine awarded projects.
- Upon project awarding, the Mobile County Commission will continue to maintain active during the implementation phase of each project.
- All awarded projects will have reporting requirements to the Mobile County Commission.
- The Mobile County Commission will also be responsible for compliance monitoring for each awarded project.



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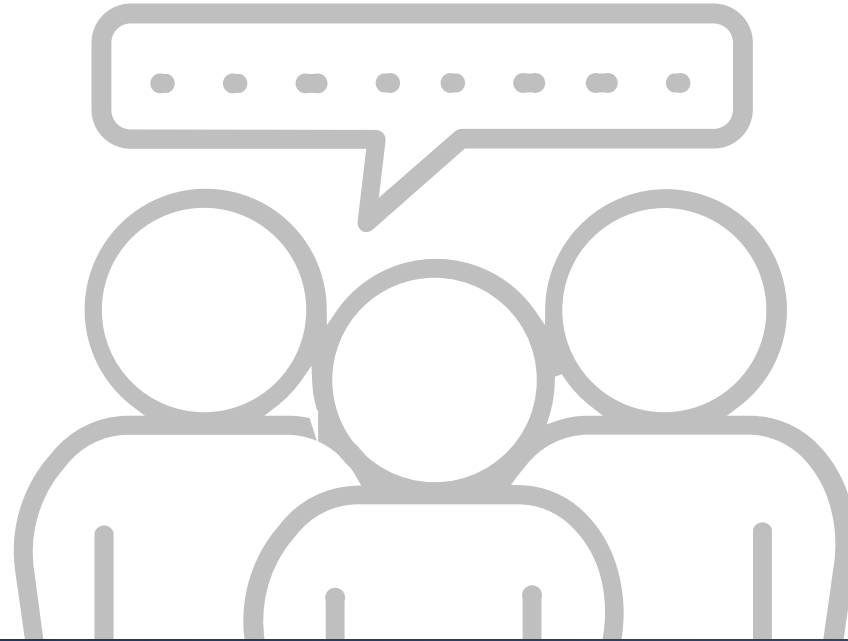
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DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

Thank you for your participation!



More Questions? Comments? We want to hear from you!

Email: comments.cdbg-dr@mobilecountyal.gov

CDBG-DR Website: <https://www.mobilecountyal.gov/cdbg-dr-hurricanes-sally-andzeta-1/>

Questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K9WJP8D>

