



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0955

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: October 7, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Adopting an Amendment to the Citizens Participation Plan to
Include the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery
(CDBG-DR) Program – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt an amendment to the Citizens Participation Plan (CPP) to include the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program.

Background

On April 12, 2023, the City of Fort Lauderdale was affected by a catastrophic rainstorm that generated more than 26-inches of rain in a 12-hour period. This unprecedented rainfall caused widespread flooding and extensive property damage.

The Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025 (Public Law 118-158) was approved on December 21, 2024. The primary goal of the Act is to provide relief to those struggling to recover from natural disasters and it included funding for the CDBG-DR program to help local, state, and Tribal governments recover from Presidentially declared disasters. On January 16, 2025, the City of Fort Lauderdale received an allocation of \$88,051,000 in CDBG-DR funds to address unmet needs and mitigation activities for the 2023 flood event. To access CDBG-DR funds, the City must prepare an Action Plan outlining how the funds will be used to address unmet needs from the 2023 flood and to support mitigation efforts that reduce the risk of similar damage in future flood events.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations and specifically referenced under laws such as 42 U.S.C. 5304(a)(2) and (3), 42 U.S.C. 12707, and regulations at 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 570.486, 24 CFR 1003.604, and 24 CFR 91.115 (citizen participation requirements for states and local governments) require local government grantees to adopt and follow a detailed CPP. The CPP provides opportunities for the public to comment on the action plan and any substantial amendments, allowing at least a 30-day public comment period and public hearings.

The City's existing HUD program CPP does not cover the CDBG-DR Grant, so the CPP is being amended to include the CDBG-DR grant program. The amended version of the Citizens Participation Plan is attached as Exhibit 1.

The amendment provides the following information on how the City will utilize the CPP for the CDBG-DR program:

- Public comment and public meetings on the CPP, Action Plan, and amendments to the Action Plan;
- Complaints and appeals regarding the Action Plan, programs, or project activities;
- Performance reporting and ongoing transparency; and
- Technical assistance to groups or individuals to facilitate their participation in the CDBG-DR program.

Resource Impact

There is no long-term fiscal impact to the General Fund. The CDBG-DR grant will reimburse the City for the funding expended on eligible activities.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2025 Commission Priority, advancing the Affordable Housing and Economic Development initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing the Housing Focus Area, Goal 2: Enable housing options for all income levels.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Housing Element
 - Goal 1: The Comprehensive Plan shall support the provision of adequate sites for future housing, including affordable workforce housing, housing for low-income, very low-income, and moderate-income families, mobile homes, and group home facilities and foster care facilities, with supporting infrastructure and public facilities.
 - Goal 2: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.

Related CAM

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Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Amended Citizen Participation Plan

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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