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## Apply Now!

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Funds Available NOW for  
Direct Payout to  
Commercial Fishermen

**Deadline October 31**

NYC Implements Innovative  
Approach to CDBG-MIT  
Funds After Hurricane  
Sandy:



To see an example of how the new  
CDBG-MIT funds can be used, check  
out this article: [NYC Strategy for CDBG-  
MIT Funds after Sandy](#)

# Hurricane Irma Recovery Update



## DEO Launches NEW CDBG-MIT Infrastructure Mitigation Program!

The State of Florida will receive **\$633 Million** in funding to support a broad array of mitigation projects through the Community Development Block Grant – Infrastructure Mitigation Program. Local governments impacted by Hurricane Irma have been asked to submit project ideas to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to be considered as they develop an action plan that will guide how this money is spent.

The state must submit the action plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) no later than February of 2020. DEO has suggested they are looking for regional projects with long-term, high impact. Monroe County is seeking a partnership with the cities in designing a comprehensive resilience strategy based upon BOCC approved priorities. *DEO has announced that they will be conducting a Public Meeting in Monroe County in the near future.* Stay tuned for additional information!



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## Recovery Funds Available for Agencies supporting Elder Populations

The Alliance for Aging has funds available for allocation in Monroe County to group(s) who in the recent past have helped any elder residents with recovery from Hurricane Irma, or who will in the future help any elder population with preparation for, response to, or recovery from a disaster. This funding is for individuals or groups that can present evidence of past work, or a plan for future aid, and meet criteria for eligibility. For additional information contact [mamaloney@usf.edu](mailto:mamaloney@usf.edu).

## FWC Distributes Hurricane Irma Fisheries Disaster Relief Program, Payouts to Commercial Fishermen Deadline October 31!

NOAA Fisheries allocated \$44,608,039 to the State of Florida to provide relief from Hurricane Irma. Payment to lobsterman, fishermen, and wholesale dealers impacted by Hurricane Irma is still available. For information, contact the newly appointed Disaster Grant Coordinator Devin Resko.

On September 24, FWC reported the following information for the State of Florida:

- **Lobster Trap Replacement Program:**
  - 265 total applicants. Most checks have been processed and mailed.
  - Total number of traps reported lost/damaged: 333,083
  - Total payout: \$3,384,123.28
  - Payout per trap: \$10.16
- **Direct Payouts to Commercial Fishers: 2000 applications have been mailed out to Saltwater Product License Holders by FWC. The deadline to return the application is October 31st, 2019. If you have not received an application contact FWC immediately.**
- **Redundant Power Supplies for Wholesale Dealers:** This program will be rolled out in the next fiscal year.
- **Improvement or Uninsured Repair to Wholesale Dealers:** Anticipated program rollout Spring/Summer 2020.
- **Direct Payouts to Wholesale Dealers:** These applications will be mailed out late 2019/early 2020.
- **Direct Payout to Charter Businesses:** This program will roll out in the New Fiscal Year.

- Coastal Habitat Restoration: The program has begun with starting the permit applications and initial surveys.
- Marine Debris: FWC has begun vendor procurement.
- FMFIRGP: Initial surveys started.
- Coral Rescue, Spawning, Larval Propagation, and Brooding: Surveys and coral collection to begin end of 2019 / beginning of 2020.

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## Voluntary Home Buyout Program Application Period Closes

The State of Florida has allocated \$10 million to Monroe County through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Voluntary Home Buyout Program with a \$5 Million cap per jurisdiction. This program allows the government to purchase properties at the pre-Hurricane Irma fair market value for both the land and the structure. Monroe County, the City of Marathon, and Islamorada all intend to submit applications prior to the October 1 deadline. We anticipate over **70 total applications** countywide totaling over \$35 Million. Once complete, the final application from Monroe County will be posted at [www.monroecounty-fl.gov/homebuyout](http://www.monroecounty-fl.gov/homebuyout). DEO will prioritize funding allocations for the Hurricane Irma impacted region.

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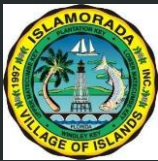
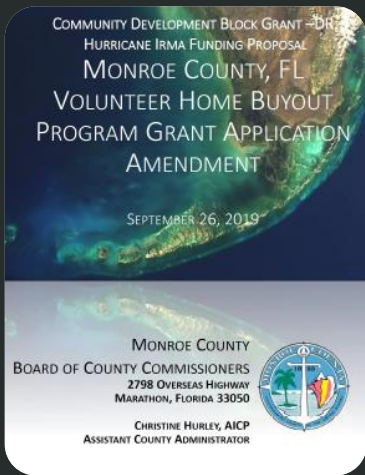
## Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) Awards Funds for Workforce Rental Housing Developments (\$32 Million)

The FHFC approved new workforce housing development projects in Monroe County last week of \$8,923,989 for land acquisition and \$22,876,017 for workforce housing development funding. Monroe County's proposed developments include five units on Key Largo, 10 units on Conch Key, 10 units at Howard's Haven on Big Pine Key, and 12 scattered site units on Big Pine Key and Little Torch Key. The City of Key West proposed 103 new apartment units, and Seahorse Cottages has 17 units at the Seahorse Trailer Park on Big Pine Key. For more information about the program, contact [jones-juanita@monroecounty-fl.gov](mailto:jones-juanita@monroecounty-fl.gov) or go to [FHFC Awards 2019](#).

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## Division of Historical Resources Announces Grant Winners

Nineteen grant applications were submitted for funding through the Hurricane Irma Historical Resources Disaster



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### Historical Resources Grants

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Supplemental totaling \$4,959,699. Five Monroe County grants are currently eligible for funding. These include:

1. Historic Florida Keys Foundation for the Key West Armory Repairs
4. Monroe County BOCC for West Martello Citadel Repairs
6. Monroe County BOCC for Key West Lighthouse Repairs
7. Monroe County BOCC for Pigeon Key Repairs

It is unclear if the other Monroe County projects will be funded including

13. Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society, Inc. for the Key West Naval Warehouse Repairs
16. Florida Keys Land and Sea Trust for the Crane Residence Rehabilitation
19. St. Peter's Episcopal Church for Building Repairs

The Hurricane Irma Final Ranking Project List was approved by the Secretary of State. Projects will be reviewed by the National Park Service for final eligibility and funding determinations.

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## Workforce Recovery Workforce Training

The Monroe County Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution requesting that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity revise the State Action Plan allowing educational institutions to apply directly for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Workforce Recovery Training funds (\$20 Million). The Board would like these funds to support the expansion of the College of the Florida Keys - Apprenticeship Program. This program supports a comprehensive curriculum and practical application for local students to acquire skills in construction trades. The following Chambers of Commerce provided letters of support: Key West, Lower Keys, Greater Marathon Area, Islamorada, and Key Largo - illustrating the strong support from the local business community leadership in this initiative.



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