



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

MEMORANDUM FOR: Sarasota County, Florida for Disasters Occurring in 2022
(Allocation Announced in the May 2023 Notice); Community
Planning and Development Field Office Directors, Deputy
Directors, Regional Directors, and Program Managers.

FROM: Bryan W. Horn, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Community Planning and Development, D BRYAN
HORN

SUBJECT: Reimbursement Extension (Sarasota County only)

APPLICABILITY DATE: September 29, 2025

Digitally signed by: BRYAN HORN
DN: CN = BRYAN HORN C = US O = U.S.
Government OU = Department of Housing
and Urban Development, Office of
Community Planning and Development
Date: 2025.09.23 16:36:22 -0400

PURPOSE

This memorandum provides a waiver and alternative requirement to extend the reimbursement application deadline for an additional year past the previously approved timeline to allow more disaster survivors to apply to Sarasota County's Homeowner Reimbursement Program.

This applies to the following CDBG-DR grant allocated to Sarasota County, FL:

- 1) CDBG-DR allocation for disasters occurring in 2022 funded by Pub. L. 117-328 ("the Appropriations Act") and subject to the requirements published in the *Federal Register* at 88 FR 32046 on May 18, 2023, and Memorandum 24-02 on August 8, 2024 (the "Prior Notices").

WAIVER AND ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENT AUTHORITY

With certain exceptions, the Appropriations Act cited above authorizes the Secretary to waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary, or use by the recipient, of grant funds. In particular, the Appropriations Act waiver and alternative requirement authority does not extend to requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (the "Department") may also exercise its regulatory waiver authority under 24 CFR 5.110, 91.600, and 570.5.

The Appropriations Act requires the Secretary to publish any waiver or alternative requirement either via the *Federal Register* or the Department's website no later than five days before the effective date of such waiver or alternative requirement. HUD is exercising its authority to publish this memorandum on the Department's website. [Click here to access: CDBG-DR Laws, Regulations, and Federal Register Notices.](#)

The waiver and alternative requirement authorized in this memorandum is based upon a determination by the Secretary that good cause exists, and a determination by the Secretary that the waiver and alternative requirement is not inconsistent with the overall purposes of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) (HCDA). The basis for the waiver and alternative requirement is summarized below.

Reimbursement Extension (Sarasota County, Florida only)

Background

The Department received a request from Sarasota County for a waiver and alternative requirement to extend the reimbursement deadline for the County's Homeowner Reimbursement Program from May 23, 2025, to May 23, 2026. This extension will allow continued reimbursement of eligible activities for homeowners who made repairs following the incident period of Hurricane Ian.

Section III.F.5 of the Consolidated Notice permits grantees to reimburse eligible pre-application costs (rehabilitation, demolition, and reconstruction) of homeowners, renters, businesses, and other qualifying entities. These costs must be incurred by the applicant before the time of application to a grantee or subrecipient and the costs must be incurred within one year after the applicability date of the grantee's initial Allocation Announcement Notice or within one year after the date of the disaster, whichever is later.

On August 13, 2024, the Department approved Sarasota County's initial one-year waiver request in [Memorandum 24-02](#), which extended the reimbursement deadline from May 23, 2024, to May 23, 2025. The County now requests a second one-year extension due to persistent challenges impacting homeowner recovery efforts. Due to the scale of damage caused by Hurricane Ian, which was further exacerbated by subsequent disasters, the county reports widespread insurance delays and contractor shortages that are disrupting homeowner repair timelines. This disruption disproportionately impacts low- and moderate-income (LMI) households, who often lack timely access to recovery resources.

HUD's Determination

After reviewing this request, the Department finds there is good cause to grant an additional extension to the reimbursement application deadline from May 23, 2025, to May 23, 2026, to provide additional recovery assistance to more eligible LMI households. The Department is also providing an alternative requirement to the extent necessary to permit the grantee to reimburse beneficiaries who applied for reimbursement of pre-application costs between May 23, 2025, and the applicability date of this memo to the extent that they comply with the other requirements in paragraph III.F.5 of the Consolidated Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

Gerilee W. Bennett, Acting Director, Office of Disaster Recovery, Department of

Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 7282, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number 202-664-9481 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech and communication disabilities. Email inquiries may be sent to Disaster_Recovery@hud.gov.