

Public Comment for a Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Proposed Application

Background

The City of Tampa is seeking public comment on a proposed application for a CDBG-MIT General Infrastructure Program Grant for \$12,000,000 for flood protection, shoreline restoration, and hazard mitigation in Palmetto Beach.

In April 2018, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the state of Florida would receive \$633,485,000 in funding to support long-term mitigation efforts (following Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew and Irma) through HUD's Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. The Federal Register Vol. 84, No. 45838, which delineates all program requirements was released on August 30, 2019.

The CDBG-MIT funding is designed to address mitigation needs to ensure that the state of Florida is more resilient to future natural disasters. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is the lead agency and responsible entity for administering the CDBG-MIT funds allocated to the state. The state of Florida's Action Plan, which was approved by HUD on April 2, 2020, details how this funding, along with subsequent allocations, will be apportioned to address unmet mitigation needs in Florida that represent targeted strategic investments for grantees based on current or foreseeable risks.

The City of Tampa's grant application for the Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program is due September 17, 2021.

City of Tampa Proposal

The City of Tampa proposes to rehabilitate deteriorating seawalls, construct a climate-ready shoreline street, and pilot hybrid nature-based/man-made living breakwaters to protect the vulnerable community of Palmetto Beach in Tampa, Florida. The project will fund a revised plan for 4,433 linear feet of seawall replacement/rehabilitation to ensure engineering solutions meet current flood risk standards, community enhancement goals, incorporates nature-based solutions, and provides aesthetic and environmental justice value. The streetscape improvement will feature bioswales/rain garden amenity, safe mobility options, and a resiliency educational feature in Desoto Park. Finally, the project will fund the construction and monitoring of a pilot living breakwater to study the effectiveness of flood mitigation value of living breakwaters in the McKay Bay Basin.

Public Comment

The City of Tampa invites public comment on the project described above. You can submit your comments to TampaCDBGMIT@tampagov.net before September 15, 2021.