



Plan which outlines the priorities and uses of these federal grants for five years. The Consolidated Plan was approved by the Seminole Board of County of County Commissioners February 23, 2021 and subsequently submitted and approved by HUD.

Each year Seminole County develops an Annual Action Plan to describe the annual goals and projects that will be implemented. Seminole County Community Services is currently implementing the FY 2022/2023 Action Plan. The 2022/2023 Action Plan was approved in August 2022.

Since the time of the plan approval, Florida was impacted by Hurricane Ian. Seminole County, along with other impacted communities across the state, experienced economic and housing impacts as a result. As authorized by 42 U.S.C 113654a(c)(1), HUD has determined to make a special allocation of ESG funding to Seminole County to address the needs of homeless individuals and families or individuals and families at risk of homelessness in areas affected by a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) on or after December 20, 2019, whose needs are not otherwise served or fully met by existing Federal disaster relief programs, including the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program under such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b).

Seminole County is slated to receive \$386,784 in special ESG Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) funds Hurricane Ian response. A substantial amendment is required to be completed, to receive the RUSH funding from HUD.

The proposed amendment is as follows:

1. Programming \$386,784 in RUSH Funds made available through disaster relief

RUSH Funds may be used for:

- Shelter Operations-Maintaining a sanitary shelter environment will help to keep staff and participants healthy
- Street Outreach-Materials to assist unsheltered homeless
- Rapid-Rehousing-Rapid-Rehousing assistance
- HMIS/Data Collection
- Grant Administration
- Homelessness Prevention

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program section of the Annual Action Plan will be amended to:

Include a special allocation of ESG-RUSH funding to address the needs of literally homeless individuals and families or individuals and families at risk of homelessness in areas affected by a major disaster.

ESG-RUSH funding will be allocated as follows: Rapid Re-Housing (\$241,740), Emergency Shelter (\$116,035), and Admin/Planning (\$29,009)

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the substantial amendments to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2022/2023 Annual Action Plan, authorize Chairman to execute all corresponding documents and signature pages, Standard Form-SF424 and SF-424D, all certification pages, Subrecipient Agreements, and subsequent Grant Agreements with HUD, and authorize Community Services Department staff to submit amendments to HUD for approval.