

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY MITIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF SEBRING

The City of Sebring anticipates applying for Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support long-term restoration, facility hardening and mitigation efforts following the 2023-2024 storms. This program is being administered by the Florida Commerce Department thru the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program. A total of nine hundred twenty-five million, three hundred ninety-four thousand dollars (\$925,394,000.00) has been allocated for the State of Florida for the 2023 and 2024 Storm Events. Four hundred million Dollars (\$400,000,000.00) of that amount has been allocated, by Florida Commerce, to fund infrastructure restoration, hardening and mitigation projects in communities impacted by the 2023 and 2024 storms. The minimum allowable amount a community can request is seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00). Applications are due to Florida Commerce on or before September 29, 2025. Eligible types of projects are those that demonstrate increased community resiliency. Examples of some of the types of projects encouraged by Florida Commerce are as follows:

- Restoration of critical infrastructure (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, removal of debris, drainage, bridges, etc.)
- Re-nourishment of protective coastal dune systems and state beaches
- Building or fortifying buildings that are essential to the health, safety and welfare of a community (this can include shelters, police stations, fire stations, parks and recreational centers, community and senior centers, hospitals, clinics, schools and educational facilities and other public properties)
- Rehabilitation or construction of stormwater management systems
- Improvements to drainage facilities
- Reconstruction of lift stations and sewage treatment plants
- Road repair and improvement and bridge strengthening
- Upgrading of communications, energy, transportation and health and medical resources and systems
- Development of mitigation standards, regulations, policies and programs • Dam safety programs, seawalls and levee systems;
- Acquisition of flood prone and environmentally-sensitive lands;
- Retrofitting/hardening/elevating structures and critical facilities
- Relocation of structures, infrastructure and facilities out of vulnerable areas;
- Permanent relocation of residential housing and businesses located in high-risk areas through voluntary buyback programs and rebuilding in low-risk areas
- Public awareness/education campaigns
- Improvement of warning and evacuation systems

Activities that are typically eligible for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as well as specific additional activities as outlined in the State of Florida CDBG-DR Action Plan for the program are eligible projects if no other funding is available to meet the need.

The City of Sebring anticipates submitting one application for five million three hundred fifty-six thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,356,400.00) in funding. The project synopsis and budget for the application being submitted is as follows:

Application #1 – Sanitary Sewer Collection System Lift Station Hardening Project: The project involves the installation of 26 new permanent standby electrical generators and the replacement of 2 existing undersized permanent electrical generators at critical wastewater lift stations currently part of the City of Sebring Sanitary Sewer Collection System, along with the mitigation improvements to raise critical components of 5 lift stations above flood level within Sebring's utility service area.

The Sanitary Sewer Collection System upgrades proposed herein will benefit everyone living in the City of Sebring. Based upon the 2016 – 2020 Census Information, the population of the Sebring is 59.00% Low and Moderate Income. Based upon the City of Sebring's Census Data and the fact the City is severely in need of the proposed sanitary sewer collection system improvements, this application is being submitted as a project which primarily benefits Low-and-Moderate Income households. However, because of the City's need for the proposed improvements, the City also sees it as an Urgently Need Project as well.

The proposed budget for the City of Sebring Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements included in the application is as follows:

Structure Name	Project Address or Description	CDBG-MIT Funding	Matching Funds	Total Project Costs
Project Administration	N/A	\$ 251,140.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 251,140.00
Project Engineering Design, Permitting, Bidding and Award Services	N/A	\$ 500,280.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500,280.00
Project Engineering Services During	N/A	\$ 333,520.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 333,528.00

Construction				
Completion of the HUD Environmental Review	N/A	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,000.00
Davis Bacon and Section 3 Oversight During Construction	N/A	\$ 82,460.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 82,460.00
Lift Station Improvements)	City of Sebring Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements	\$4,169,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$4,169,000.00
Totals		\$5,356,400.00		\$5,356,400.00

Any resident wishing to know more about the proposed project or submit any public comment on the proposed projects should contact Mr. Jared Lee, Budgets and Grant Coordinator, City of Sebring at (863) 471-5100 or by email at jaredlee@mysebring.com. Comments from the public concerning these projects will be received from September 17, 2025, and must be received by the City no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2025. All comments will be considered, and proposed changes will be submitted to Florida Commerce. Information relating to the proposed project and application is available for review between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the City of Sebring, City Hall located at 368 S Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870.

Any non-English speaking person wishing to comment on the proposed project should contact Jared Lee at (863) 471-5100 or by e-mail at jaredlee@mysebring.com and a language interpreter will be provided. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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