Sarasota County Resilient SRQ Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery

Workforce Development and Training

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$201.5 million to Sarasota County Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), known as Resilient SRQ, to aid the long-term recovery from Hurricane Ian for low- to moderate-income persons. Resilient SRQ has multiple programs, one of those being the Workforce Development and Training Program. This program has \$15 million allocated for career training in construction trades that contribute to the well-being and development of our community.

Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit organizations.
- Community-based development organizations.
- · Public institutions of higher learning.
- Sarasota County public entities.

Evaluation Criteria

Projects will be evaluated in the categories shown below. All applications and recommended scores will be submitted to the Sarasota County Commission for review and final selection of projects.

- Financial plan.
- Project readiness.
- Project impact.
- Pre-award assessment.

Project Qualifications

Applicants must meet all the minimum eligibility criteria listed below to be considered for CDBG-DR funding:

- 1. Proposed project serves low- to moderate-income (LMI) persons in accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) LMI National Objective. Applicant will continue to report meeting the LMI National Objective as specified in the Subrecipient Agreement.
- **2.** The proposed project must be an eligible activity. Eligible activities include:
 - **a.** Public facilities construction and acquisition. Public facilities must be used for the purpose of a construction trades training program. **OR**
 - **b.** Provision of public services. Workforce training programs under this program must include creating or expanding training programs for construction trades.
- 3. Project is located in Sarasota County.
- 4. Project includes mitigation measures.

Applications open May 15, 2024, through June 26, 2024.

- **Step 1:** Interested applicants can submit an application at **ResilientSRQ.net**.
- **Step 2:** Resilient SRQ staff will review applications and make scoring recommendations to the Sarasota County Commission.
- Step 3: The Sarasota County Commission will review and make a final selection of projects for funding.
- Step 4: Selected projects will enter into a subrecipient agreement outlining specific CDBG-DR funding requirements.

To access the application and for more information on eligibility and scoring criteria, visit ResilientSRQ.net.

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