Central Florida Regional Planning Council

August 14, 2019

CareerSource Heartland
5901 US Hwy 27 South, Suite 1, Sebring, FL
9:30 a.m.
AGENDA ITEM #1

Public Comments
AGENDA ITEM #2

Council Administration

A. June 12, 2019, Minutes
B. July 2019 Financial Report

Requested Action:
Approval
AGENDA ITEM #3

Highlands County Activities Report

Randy Vosburg
County Administrator
AGENDA ITEM #4

Post Disaster Recovery Update

Curtis Knowles
Program Manager
Post Disaster Recovery Update
Overview

• Hurricane Irma...2017
• Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018
• Statewide Regional Disaster Resilience Coordinators
• Long Term Recovery Groups – Highlands and Polk County
• Hurricane Irma Recovery Status
• Funding Opportunities
Hurricane Irma...2017

- Landfall September 10, 2017
- 1st Category 4 since Hurricane Charley in 2004
- Sustained winds of 100+ mph
- ~16,000 people in shelters
- Schools closed for 12 days
- 10 deaths
- $56+ million in debris claims
- 2+ billion in crop loss
- 1.5 billion in visitor spending loss
- ~8.6 billion in insurance loss
Hurricane Irma...2017

• Declaration
  • Highlands and Polk Counties were listed as Tier 2 Hurricane Irma most impacted Counties
  • Economic Development Administration - Economic Development Assistance Programs Grant
  • December 2017 CFRPC received grant award for a “Recovery Coordinator Position”
Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018

- Effective October 5, 2018
- 50 Provisions
- Acknowledges the shared responsibility for disaster response and recovery
- Aims to reduce the complexity of FEMA
- Build the nation’s capacity for the next catastrophic event.
Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018

Provisions Coverage Areas Examples

• Wildfires
• Building Code / Floodplain Administration
• Public Assistance Improvements
• Facility Prioritizations
• Evacuation Routes
• Water Resources Development
• State Administered Housing

• Individual and Public Assistance
• Food Banks
• Veterinary Emergency Teams
• Historic Preservation
• Agency Accountability
• Hazard Mitigation
• Relief Organizations/Long Term Recovery Groups
Statewide Regional Disaster Resilience Coordinators

- Statewide Group:
  - Regional Planning Councils
  - Monroe County
  - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
  - Economic Development Administration

- Core focus on Economic Recovery

- Meet monthly to discuss recovery topics across the state
Long Term Recovery Groups
Highlands and Polk County

• Established bylaws, procedures, website, Facebooks, LinkedIn page
• Assist with case management, housing repair/replacement, unmet needs, volunteers, disaster preparedness, business continuity and recovery

Polk Recovery After Disaster
Chair: Curtis Knowles
https://polkrad.weebly.com

Highlands County LTRG
Coordinator: Donna Naugle
863-873-1563 or highlandsltrg@gmail.com
Funding Opportunities

• Rebuild Florida (Hurricane Irma Housing Repair and Replacement Program)
• DEO - Voluntary Home Buyout Program
• DEO - Infrastructure Repair Program
• DEO/Florida Housing - Hurricane Irma Affordable Workforce Housing Construction Program
Rebuild Florida (Hurricane Irma Housing Repair and Replacement Program)

- **DeSoto:**
  - 154 registered
  - 137 invited to apply

- **Hardee:**
  - 37 registered
  - 31 invited to apply

- **Highlands:**
  - 269 registered
  - 234 invited to apply

- **Okeechobee:**
  - 19 registered
  - 18 invited to apply

- **Polk:**
  - 925 registered
  - 813 invited to apply
DEO - Voluntary Home Buyout Program

• Available Funds: $75,000,000

• Option 1: Use funds to match projects eligible in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (as listed in Local Mitigation Plans)

• Option 2: Use funds to acquire contiguous parcels and to acquire property from low- to moderate-income households that did not have flood insurance at the time of Hurricane Irma

• Applications due October 1, 2019
Rebuild Florida - Infrastructure Repair Program

• Available Funds: $85,813,653

• Option 1: Use funds for Infrastructure Restoration and Improvement Projects

• Option 2: Use funds for match for other federal programs when used to carry out an eligible federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery infrastructure activity

• Applications due August 28, 2019
Rebuild Florida/Florida Housing – Affordable Workforce Housing Construction Program

• Total Available Funds: $140,000,000

• **RFA 2019-102**
  - The grant is due August 27, 2019 by 3:00pm.
  - Funds Available:
    - $88,000,000 for construction of new affordable rental housing (Development Funding)
    - $10 million for acquiring land that will be held in perpetuity (Land Acquisition Program Funding). If applying as a Priority I Application, land must remain affordable in Perpetuity.

• **RFA 2019-103**
  - The grant is due August 29, 2019 by 3:00pm.
  - Funds Available:
    - $20 million for construction of affordable small Developments consisting of no more than 50 units
Accomplishments to Date

• Highlands and Polk County Long Term Recovery Groups
  • Funding secured for Highlands County Recovery Staff
  • Funding applied for Polk County Recovery Staff
  • Building Partnerships with Community Organizations
  • Presented to the Federation of Mobile Home Owners of Florida - Recovery Issues for repair/rebuilding

• Provide Technical Assistance for Potential EDA Grant
  • Lakeland Linder International Airport
  • Sebring Regional Airport
Current Projects/Programs/Initiatives

- Long Term Recovery Groups
- Local Mitigation Strategy Update - Working Groups
  - Highlands County – Stakeholder Member
  - Polk County – CFRPC contract to update
- Post Disaster Recovery Aviation Industries Cluster, Collaboration, Feasibility, and Strategic Action Plan
  - Focus Area: Highlands and Polk County
  - EDA-DR Grant Awarded: September 2018
  - Stakeholder Meetings with Consultant: August 2019
Future Needs

• Enhanced Long Term Recovery Groups
• Funding for mobile home repairs/rebuild
• Post Disaster Recovery Plans
• Business Continuity Training
Contact Information

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AGENDA ITEM #5

Heartland 2060 Summits and Community Engagement
AGENDA ITEM #6

FY 19/20
Community Planning
Technical Assistance Grant
and
Competitive Florida Partnership Awards
AGENDA ITEM #7

Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant Resolution 2019-8A

Requested Action:
Adopt Resolution 2019-8A
AGENDA ITEM #8

Public Transportation Grant Agreement, Section 5311
Resolution 2019-8B

Requested Action:
Adopt Resolution 2019-8B
AGENDA ITEM #9

Update on the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO)
AGENDA ITEM #10

Update on the Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES)
Corridor Task Force
Southwest-Central Florida Connector Task Force
Local Representation

• FDOT District One Secretary, L.K. Nandam
• CFRPC Executive Director, Pat Steed
• HRTPO Member, Colon Lambert
• Polk TPO Member, Nat Birdsong*
• DeSoto County Commissioner, Elton Langford
• Hardee County Commissioner, Mike Thompson*
• Highlands County Commissioner, Ron Handley
• Polk County Commissioner, Rick Wilson*

*Member CFRPC Board

45 Members:
• State Agencies/Commissions/Partnerships
• Environmental Groups
• Local Government Officials
Southwest-Central Florida Connector Task Force

- Plenary Session and Initial Individual Task Force Meetings to be held August 27, 2019, 8 AM, The Tampa Convention Center

- Government in the Sunshine Requirements
AGENDA ITEM #11

Executive Director’s Annual Performance Evaluation

Requested Action:
Decision of Council
AGENDA ITEM #12

Executive Director’s Report

A. FRCA August Policy Board Meeting
B. Project Updates
AGENDA ITEM #13

Other Business

Next Meeting
October 9

9:30 a.m.
Okeechobee County Courthouse,
Board of County Commission Chambers