

TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS PUBLIC NOTICE

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR)

Hurricane Ian devastated Florida on September 28, 2022 with heavy rains and flooding. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the state of Florida would receive \$2.7 billion in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding to support long-term resiliency and mitigation efforts following Hurricane Ian. The Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) is the governor-designated state authority responsible for administering these funds. Funds are able to be used in a wide range of activities related to disaster relief and mitigation of risk associated with such activities. The Town of Howey-in-the-Hills has submitted applications with the Federal Emergency Management Agent (FEMA) under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The Town will use the CDBG-DR funds as local match for the proposed HMGP projects listed below:

The Town proposes to request funds for the following projects:

1. Wastewater Lift Station #1 Bypass Pump Project. The bypass pump will enable the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills to serve the community pre, post, and during a storm. This project will provide emergency backup pumps for the lift station, ensuring continued operation during power outages or catastrophic pump failures and safeguarding public health for residents in the service area. Estimated Cost \$141,455.00. CDBG-DR funds \$35,363.75

2. Wastewater Lift Station #2 Bypass Pump & Wet Well Pump Upgrades Project. The bypass pump will enable the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills to serve the community pre, post, and during a storm. This project will provide emergency backup pumps for the lift station, ensuring continued operation during power outages or catastrophic pump failures and safeguarding public health for residents in the service area. The lift station currently has outdated submersible wet well pumps that cannot be repaired. This project will provide for updated pumps with models featuring readily available repair parts. The estimated Cost is \$197,879.00. CDBG-DR funds \$49,469.75.

The Town of Howey-in-the-Hills does not anticipate that anyone will be displaced because of the CDBG-DR funded activities proposed above.

For information related to EEO please visit the Town's webpage at www.howey.org/townclerk/page/employment.

This public notice and comment period is being conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure accessibility to all. The applications are available for public review and or comment in Town Hall at 101 N Palm Ave., Howey-in-the-Hills, FL, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. There will be a 10-day public comment period. **Comments must be made by January 27, 2025.** Comments will be accepted online and in writing. Online comments can be emailed to: mcates@howey.org and written comments can be mailed to Town of Howey-in-the-Hills CDBG-DR Attention: Morgan Cates at PO Box 128, Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737. For a copy of the application or any questions regarding the CDBG-DR program please contact Morgan Cates, Public Services Director, at 352-324-2290.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this public notification is asked to reach out to John Brock, Town Clerk, at 352-324-2290. If you are hearing, speech impaired, or need other accommodations, or any non-English speaking person wishing to receive information on this public notice can contact John Brock, Town Clerk, at 352-324-2290 or jbrock@howey.org and interpretation will be provided.

Complaints or Concerns

Complaints or any suspected fraud, waste, and abuse related to CDBG-DR-funded activities may be submitted via email to mcates@howey.org or via mail to Morgan Cates, Public Services Director, PO Box 128, Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737. Written complaints from the public will receive a meaningful review and a written reply within fifteen (15) working days from receipt of the complaint.

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