

Based on feedback received through the public participation process open from August 1, 2023, through August 31, 2023, several changes are being recommended for inclusion in Lee County's final Public Action Plan.

- Expand eligibility for planning projects to include public housing authorities. The draft Action Plan included Lee County, municipalities, special districts, and the school district as eligible applicants for planning projects. The addition of public housing authorities will allow these entities to undertake planning related to affordable housing development.
- Increase the maximum award amount for Voluntary Residential Buyouts from \$323,000 to \$450,000. Increasing the maximum purchase price allowable under the voluntary residential buyout program better aligns with current market conditions.
- Provide possible exceptions to minimum award guidelines for critical infrastructure projects. Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis for high priority projects of critical public importance.
- Allow applicants who do not meet one or more of the Notice of Funding Availability threshold requirements a maximum of five business days to cure any deficiency, instead of five calendar days.
- Adjust narrative related to economic revitalization to indicate that staff will continue to evaluate information related to the unmet needs of the business community and collaborate with municipal partners and other stakeholders to assess the feasibility of CDBG-DR programs to support economic revitalization. Consequently, an economic revitalization program could potentially be incorporated into the Action Plan through a substantial amendment.
- Add narrative to support the use of urgent need national objectives for individual housing, critical infrastructure and HMGP infrastructure match programs. These additions were necessary to align with HUD guidelines to provide additional context for eligible activities use an urgent need national objective.
- Allow eligible critical infrastructure and HMGP projects to meet any national objectives in accordance with the HUD guidelines in 24 CFR 570.208. This addition provides greater flexibility to qualify critical infrastructure and HMGP projects as having a low- or moderate-income benefit.
- Decrease the Program Budget's estimated outcomes for individual housing programs by 10% to account for anticipated costs associated with project delivery and temporary relocation



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assistance. The estimated outcomes are the minimum number of households that must be served. It is anticipated that actual outcomes will exceed these estimates.

- Make language edits throughout the Action Plan to align with changes above, provide additional clarity or correct minor typing errors.

A summary of all public meetings and public comments received has been added within sections III. A. and V.F. of the Action Plan.