

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The City of Carrabelle 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 Carrabelle anticipates submitting two applications for a total of five million, five hundred sixty-one two hundred eighteen dollars and ten cents (\$5,561,218.10) in funding. The project synopsis and budget for the two (2) applications being submitted are as follows:

Application #1 – Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment System Repair and Hardening Project:

The project involves improvements to repair damage and harden Carrabelle's Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment Systems. The proposed repairs and improvements include the following items:

- **Replace WWTP Centrifuge:** The City of Carrabelle's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) dewater sludge using a centrifuge. The facility's existing centrifuge suffered significant corrosion damage due to salt-laden wind exposure during Hurricane Helene such that it is no longer operating effectively. Although located in a covered area, the structure was not fully enclosed, allowing hurricane-driven salt spray to infiltrate and accelerate equipment degradation. The City is requesting funding to demolish the existing centrifuge and the shed it is housed in and to construct a fully enclosed, corrosion-resistant building and replace the damaged centrifuge to restore full sludge processing capabilities at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) which will ensure compliance with permit compliance and environmental standards.
- **Reject Pond Liner Replacement:** High winds during Hurricane Helene event uplifted and tore the geomembrane liner of the City of Carrabelle's WWTP reject pond in multiple locations. This pond serves as a containment basin for effluent that fails to meet treatment standards. Damage to the liner has compromised the pond's integrity, allowing untreated or partially treated effluent to seep into the ground, potentially impacting groundwater quality. The City seeks funding to install a new, durable pond liner of approximately 40,000 ft to restore proper containment and prevent environmental contamination.
- **Beacon Street Lift Station Pump Replacement:** The Beacon Street Lift Station is equipped with two (duplex) high-performance submersible pumps. During Hurricane Helene, one of these pumps failed. As part of this application, the City seeks funding to replace the failed pump and restore the lift station to full operational capacity.
- **Acquisition of Permanent Electrical Generators for Twelve (12) Lift Stations and One (1) Potable Water Well:** During Hurricane Helene, the City experienced widespread power outages while under an evacuation order. The scope of work in this activity includes the installation of fixed emergency electrical generators at the twelve (12) existing lift stations and one (1) potable water well.

- Replacement of the security fence at the Lanark Village Master Lift Station:** During Hurricane Helene, the perimeter security fence around the Lanark Village Master Lift Station sustained significant damage, with several panels now detached or deteriorating. The fence is essential to protect this infrastructure from unauthorized access, vandalism, and potential contamination. Its compromised condition poses both a security risk and an environmental concern, as any damage or disruption to the lift station could lead to untreated sewage discharges. Funding is being requested in this application to replace the damaged fence, ensuring reliable operation of the lift station and safeguarding public health and nearby ecosystems.

The sanitary sewer collection and treatment systems and potable water well improvements proposed herein will benefit everyone living in the City of Carrabelle and the adjacent Lanark Village area in unincorporated Franklin County. Both the City of Carrabelle and the Lanark Village Subdivision are served by the City of Carrabelle Central Sewer System. Based upon the 2016 – 2020 Census Information, the population of the City of Carrabelle is 57.40% Low and Moderate Income. Additionally, Lanark Village is located in Census Tract 9701.01 Block Group #1 and is 60.00% Low and Moderate Income. Based upon the census information for both the City of Carrabelle and Lanark Village, 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 of Carrabelle also sees it as an Urgently Need Project as well.

The proposed budget for the City of Carrabelle Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment System Repair and Hardening Project is as follows:

Structure Name	Project Address or Description	CDBG-MIT Funding	Matching Funds	Total Project Costs
Project Administration	N/A	\$ 122,370.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 122,370.27
Project Engineering Design, Permitting, Bidding and Award Services	N/A	\$ 236,820.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 236,820.00
Project Engineering Services During Construction	N/A	\$ 157,880.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 157,880.00
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	\$ 59,205.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 59,205.00
Construction	Upgrades at WWTP, Installation of Permanent Electrical Generators and Repair of Damage from Hurricane Helene	\$1,973,500.0	\$ 0.00	\$1,973,500.00
Totals		\$ 2,569,775.25		\$2,569,775.25

Application #2 – Lanark Village Vacuum Sewer Collection System Project: Lanark Village is primarily served by a vacuum sanitary sewer system that directs all wastewater flow to the Lanark Village Master Vacuum Station, which then pumps it to the City of Carrabelle’s wastewater treatment facility. Constructed in 1991, the Lanark Village Master Vacuum Station has not been upgraded since its installation and now represents a critical vulnerability in the community’s utility infrastructure.

This Vacuum Sanitary Sewer Collection System faces increasing risks due to its age, coastal location, and exposure to hurricanes, storm surge, and flooding. As climate change drives more frequent and severe storm events, the Master Vacuum Station and surrounding valve pits are highly susceptible to damage, service disruptions, and sanitary sewer overflows. Loss of functionality during or after a disaster would directly impact public health, environmental protection, and community recovery.

A specific vulnerability exists at the Ho-Hum RV Park, where three vacuum valve pits are located directly on the beachside of the park. These pits not only operate beyond their intended capacity but are also at high risk of flooding, saltwater intrusion, and storm surge damage. Similarly, the Master Vacuum Station itself lacks resiliency features to ensure continued operation during prolonged outages or coastal events, leaving the entire Lanark Village service area at risk.

The City of Carrabelle is seeking funding in this application to:

- Upgrade and harden the Lanark Village Master Vacuum Station;
- Remove and replace three beachside valve pits at Ho-Hum RV Park with a consolidated, hardened buffer tank which will be located safely within the City’s right-of-way;

The Lanark Village Sanitary Sewer Collection System upgrades proposed herein will benefit everyone living in the Lanark Village Subdivision in unincorporated Franklin County. Based upon the 2016 – 2020 Census Information, Lanark Village is located in Census Tract 9701.01 Block Group #1 in Franklin County. The population in this Census Tract and Block Group is 60% Low and Moderate Income. Based upon the Lanark Village Census Data and the fact the Lanark Village Community 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 community’s close proximity to the Gulf of Mexico and need for the proposed improvements, the City of Carrabelle also sees it as an Urgently Need Project as well.

The proposed budget for the City of Carrabelle, Lanark Village 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	\$ 142,449.66	\$ 0.00	\$ 142,449.66
Project Engineering Design, Permitting, Bidding and Award Services	N/A	\$ 275,999.34	\$ 0.00	\$ 275,999.34
Project Engineering Services During Construction	N/A	\$ 183,999.56	\$ 0.00	\$ 183,999.56
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	\$ 68,999.83	\$ 0.00	\$ 68,999.83
Lift Station and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements)	City of Carrabelle Sanitary Sewer Collection System & WWTP Improvements	\$2,299,994.47	\$ 0.00	\$2,299,994.47
Totals		\$2,991,442.86		\$2,991,442.86

Any resident wishing to know more about the proposed project or submit any public comment on the proposed projects should contact Ms. Courtney Dempsey, City Administrator, City of Carrabelle at (850) 697-3618 or by email at administrator@mycarrabelle.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 Carrabelle City Hall located at 1206 Highway 98 East, Carrabelle, Florida 32322.

Any non-English speaking person wishing to comment on the proposed project should contact Courtney Dempsey at (850) 697-3618 or by email at administrator@mycarrabelle.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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