

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENTS & INTENT TO APPLY FOR CDBG-DR GRANT FUNDS

September 16, 2025

The City of Bartow is soliciting public feedback on a proposed application for funding under the Rebuild Florida 2023 & 2024 Storms Infrastructure Repair Program (IRP). This program is administered by FloridaCommerce and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program.

The purpose of these funds is to support the long-term recovery of communities impacted by federally declared disasters in 2023 and 2024 (Hurricanes Idalia, Debby, Helene, and Milton and the 2024 North Florida Tornadoes). Eligible projects include infrastructure repairs and improvements that address unmet needs resulting from these disasters and that mitigate future disaster impacts. The City is eligible to apply for up to \$100 million of the available \$400 million in funding.

The City intends to apply for approximately \$10M in grant funding through the Rebuild Florida IRP to enhance the resiliency of its wastewater system through the installation of a SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system and remote manhole monitoring units along with refurbishing the City's 45 lift stations. These improvements will provide real-time data to detect and prevent leaks, overflows, and equipment failures, reducing service disruptions during and after severe storm events. By strengthening system reliability and efficiency, this project will help protect public health and the environment, lower operating costs, and ensure the City can maintain essential services through future hurricanes and flooding events.

The proposed project is expected to benefit low- and moderate-income residents, meet HUD's "Urgent Need" National Objective, and strengthen the community's resilience to future disasters.

A public comment period will be held from September 18, 2025, through September 28, 2025, to allow citizens to review and comment on the proposed application before submission.

Contact:

Comments or concerns relating to this public notice must be submitted via mail, email, phone, or in person no later than September 28, 2025, at 5:00PM to:

Jacki Poole, City Clerk
Office of the Bartow City Clerk
450 N. Wilson Ave., Bartow, FL 33830
Email: jpoole.clerks@cityofbartow.net
Phone: 863-534-0100 ext. 1254

The City encourages all residents, especially low- and moderate-income persons, to participate by submitting comments.

Accommodations:

The City of Bartow is a fair housing community and equal opportunity employer. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations should contact Jacki Poole, City Clerk at 863-534-0100 ext. 1254 or jpoole.clerks@cityofbartow.net at least 48 hours prior to the deadline. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the City using the Florida Relay Service, (800) 955-8771 (TTY) or (800) 955-8770 (Voice). For non-English speaking persons, translation will be provided upon request at no cost.