

**CITY OF PARKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT- DISASTER RECOVERY
PROGRAM - ROUND TWO**

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has allocated a total of \$223,032,145 in funding for “*The Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program*”, through the Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recover (CDBG-DR) Program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address unmet disaster recovery needs related to damage from Hurricane Michael. The second round of \$111,516,145 in funding is available with a maximum of five project applications per entity to be awarded. Applications are due September 17, 2021.

The City of Parker, one of the most impacted areas hit by Hurricane Michael, has a unique opportunity to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding under the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program. The City is eligible to apply for up to five (5) project applications to rebuild and harden infrastructure which will prevent and reduce losses in future damages.

Activities funded through the General Infrastructure Repair Program must also meet one of the following National Objectives:

1. Provide benefit to low- and moderate-income persons;
2. Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions; or
3. Meet a need of particular urgency due to conditions posing serious and immediate threat to health or welfare of the community coupled with a lack of alternative resources to meet such need.

Information regarding the City of Parker Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Repair Program can be found at DEO's [website](#). City of Parker will be submitting one project application for funding as follows:

1. **City of Parker Retention Pond** Parker will acquire a four acre plot of land, clear all vegetation, and excavate 27,555 cubic yards of dirt to create a retention pond along with the associated installation of a walking path, parking lot and lighting. This project will protect Parker residents from flooding. This is essential now that only a few trees are left to suck up rainwater from the ground.

City of Parker is asking for Public Input on the applications outlined above and is requesting for all interested residents to please participate in the public meeting on 9/7/2021. If you would like to submit your comments in writing either by email or mail to Tony Summerlin, Public Works Director, at “tsummerlin@cityofparker.com” or 1001 West Park Street Parker, FL 32404 no later than ten days after the public meeting.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations or any Non-English speaking person requiring an interpreter is asked to advise the City by contacting Melissa Correia with the City of Parker at [<mcorreia@cityofparker.com>](mailto:mcorreia@cityofparker.com).

The City has not yet been granted the funding by DEO and **no guarantees can be made** that the City will receive grant funding as the final determination and funding decision remain subject to the discretion of the State.
