

COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



Meeting Date: August 13, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

From: George Garrett, Planning Director/Deputy City Manager

Through: Chuck Lindsey, City Manager

Agenda Item: **Resolution 2019-81**, Providing For The Monroe County Voluntary Home Buyout Local Program Prioritization Criteria For Selection Of Properties Interested In The Voluntary Home Buyout Program Utilizing Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Funding.

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION:

CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA – The State of Florida has allocated \$10 million to Monroe County through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Voluntary Home Buyout Program. The voluntary program was created to encourage risk reduction through the purchase of residential property in high flood-risk areas impacted by Hurricane Irma.

This program allows the government to purchase your property at the pre-Hurricane Irma fair market value for both the land and the structure. Priority properties are located in low- and moderate-income areas. Any existing structures will be demolished, and the property will be used for permanent open space, conservation, recreation, or stormwater management systems in perpetuity.

Marathon Citizens are advised the following:

If you are interested in selling your property, please contact the City of Marathon, Planning Department obtain and sign the “Voluntary Acknowledge Form” required by the State of Florida. If you previously completed the interest form with Monroe County, indicating you’re interest in voluntary home buyout, please obtain and re-sign a current version of the form from the City.

A public meeting is being held regarding the program on Monday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m. (tonight) at the Marathon City Council meeting to be held on that date. Similar meetings have or will be held at the Monroe County Budget Meeting to be held on July 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and within other jurisdictions seeking a grant award.

The review criteria as defined through the Voluntary Home Buyout Program lack detail. This Resolution seeks to add detail to the list of review criteria that will be utilized to review potential purchase properties under the program.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

Yes

No

1. Comprehensive Plan
2. Other – 2010 Sewer Mandate

 X

FISCAL NOTE:

APPROVED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR:

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Resolution 2019-81.

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2019-81**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE MONROE COUNTY VOLUNTARY HOME BUYOUT LOCAL PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PROPERTIES INTERESTED IN THE VOLUNTARY HOME BUYOUT PROGRAM UTILIZING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma impacted the Florida Keys in September 10, 2017 destroying or majorly damaging over 4000 residential structures in Monroe County, approximately 400 of which were within the City of Marathon, thus, severely impacting the workforce housing crises; and

WHEREAS, \$75 Million dollars have been allocated from the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds with a \$10 Million set aside for Monroe County for the Voluntary Home Buyout Program; and

WHEREAS the purpose of Rebuild Florida’s CDBG-DR Voluntary Home Buyout Program is to acquire properties that are in high-risk flood areas to help reduce the impact of future disasters, and to assist property owners to relocate to less risk prone areas. These funds will support property acquisition, structure demolition and conversion of the land to open space or storm water improvements that alleviate flooding. The property must be deed-restricted in perpetuity to open space uses or to restore and/or conserve the natural floodplain functions; and

WHEREAS the program specifies prioritization criteria which must be implemented within each jurisdiction in compliance with CDBG-DR regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County may develop additional local prioritization criteria in order to fairly and equitably prioritize homeowners for the voluntary home buyout program while focusing on the program’s purpose to reduce community risk,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City of Marathon proposes to prioritize property owners in the CDBG-DR Voluntary Home Buyout Program of primary homes that are not rental properties.

Section 3. The local program will retain the BPAS from properties that have been purchased by the Voluntary Home Buyout Program for Administrative Relief.

Section 4. The proposed City of Marathon point allocation criteria are as follows:

1. 5 pts for homes that were substantially damaged;
2. 5 pts for homes that are located in the V Zone;
3. 5 pts for repetitive loss structures;
4. 10 pts for severe repetitive loss structures, and
5. 5 pts for high probability of sea level rise inundation (Surge Zone 1).

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

John Bartus, Mayor

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:

David Migut, City Attorney