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The City of Marathon

Monroe County, The Florida Keys

NEWS RELEASE

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CITY OF MARATHON RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REBUILD FLORIDA VOLUNTARY HOME BUYOUT PROGRAM ROUND TWO APPLICATION PERIOD

*CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA – The State of Florida has allocated \$5 million to City of Marathon through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Voluntary Home Buyout Program. The voluntary buyout 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 current fair market value for both the land and the structure. Properties must either be located in low- and moderate-income areas (block groups as defined by HUD) or qualify as low-and-moderate income households through the income verification process conducted by the Program. The Program also will be allowed to offer incentives, up to \$25,000, for property owners who will be purchasing new replacement homes in the City of Marathon.

Per the grant requirements, once the property has been purchased, any existing structures will be demolished, and the property will be used for permanent open space, conservation, recreation, or stormwater management systems in perpetuity.

If you are interested in selling your property, please visit the City of Marathon's CDBG-DR webpage at Vicki Boguszewski, Disaster Recovery Senior Case Manager, Phone: (786) 643-3695

Via mail:

City of Marathon VHBP/Monroe County VHBP

PO BOX 416,

Key West, FL 33041

Via Email: Vicki.Boguszewski@tetrattech.com

to obtain and sign the "Voluntary Acknowledgement Form. If you previously completed the interest form with the City of Marathon, indicating you're interest in the Voluntary Home Buyout Program, please obtain and re-sign a current version of the form from the City. The form can be found at: <https://www.ci.marathon.fl.us/planning/page/cdbg-voluntary-home-buy-out-grant-program>

The Voluntary Acknowledgement Forms will be available and accepted from October 15, 2021 through November 16, 2021.



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A public meeting will be held regarding the program on October 15, 2021 from 5:30 – 6:30pm at Marathon City Hall. For more information about the public meeting or program, contact Maria Covelli, Grants Coordinator, City of Marathon at covellim@ci.marathon.fl.us.

All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting. Please note that more than one Marathon City Council/Board/Committee member may participate in the meeting.

The City of Marathon complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you are a disabled person requiring special accommodations or assistance, please notify the City ADA Coordinator at (305) 289-5022 of such need at least 72 hours (3 days) in advance.



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Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program Voluntary Acknowledgement Form

The State of Florida has allocated \$5 Million to the City of Marathon through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Voluntary Home Buyout Program. The goal of the program is to reduce the risk of flooding through the purchase of damaged or destroyed properties impacted by Hurricane Irma. Your property may also be eligible for purchase if it is located in a High-Risk Flood Area.

This program will allow the government to purchase your property at the current fair market value or the pre-Hurricane Irma fair market value for both the land and the structure. The structure will be demolished, and the property will be held for conservation, recreation, or storm water management purposes in perpetuity.

Please complete this form if you are interested in being included in the City of Marathon application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program. **Signing this form does NOT commit you to any action.** You have the right to withdraw from the program at any time prior to closing.

The submission of your property for buy-out does not guarantee that the Department of Economic Opportunity will award grant funds for the purchase of your property. To be eligible for participation, you must meet all eligibility requirements specified in the CDBG-DR program. All details related to award amount and sales price will be determined in compliance with CDBG-DR requirements. You are under no obligation to accept the grant award.

Please complete the following information:

Property Address: _____

Owner(s) Mailing Address: _____

Owner(s) Name(s): _____ Telephone Number: _____

Please indicate if a member of your household is:

- Disabled Handicapped Has Special Needs Older than 62 years of age
 Under the age of 18

Did your home have flood insurance during Hurricane Irma? Yes No

The local government is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to inform you that your participation in the Voluntary Home Buyout Program is voluntary.

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail or deliver this signed form to 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida 33050 or email a scanned copy to planning@ci.marathon.fl.us