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Rebuild Florida includes Irma repair money for Flagler residents

September 25, 2018 – The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity is providing $616 million to help families repair or rebuild homes significantly damaged by Hurricane Irma – including communities within Flagler County.

The funds are available through the Department of Economic Opportunity’s Rebuild Florida initiative, which will “repair and rebuild homes for low-income families, construct additional affordable housing units, assist businesses in disaster recovery and update local infrastructure to better withstand future storms.” Rebuild Florida is a partnership of DEO and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Though restrictive, some money will be made available to mobile and manufactured homes less than 5 years old and with repair costs up to $5,000. Replacement mobile homes may be made available to those not meeting the initial criteria.

“While certain communities are prioritized, we want to encourage everyone who is looking for assistance throughout Flagler County to review the requirements and apply,” said Flagler County Emergency Management Chief Jonathan Lord.

Registration started yesterday (September 24). For more information, go to www.rebuildflorida.gov, or call 844-833-1010. Eligible Florida residents have until Dec. 23 to register for the Rebuild Florida Housing Repair and Replacement Program.

“This is good news for our residents,” said Commission Chair Greg Hansen. “This long-term recovery program will really help those who are still in need of assistance.”

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