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September 5 new deadline for Voluntary Home Buyout Program applications from Hurricane Irma damage victims.

August 14, 2019 – The State of Florida has extended the application period for funds available through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Voluntary Home Buyout Program for those who received damage from Hurricane Irma. The new deadline to submit applications to Flagler County Emergency Management is September 5, 2019.

The state's Voluntary Home Buyout Program was created to encourage risk reduction through the purchase of residential property in high-risk flood areas with the goal of reducing the impact of future disasters. The acquired structures will be demolished, and the property will remain open space in perpetuity.

"The requirements are stringent and there is a limited window of opportunity, but we want to let residents know this program is available," said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord.

In order for Flagler County to meet the State of Florida's October deadline, interested homeowners must:

- Have received damage from Hurricane Irma
- Obtain an appraisal for the pre-fair market value for both the land and the structure
- Obtain an estimate to have the structure demolished
- Sign and submit a voluntary participation form to Flagler County **by September 5, 2019**

Preference will be provided to applicants who qualify as low or moderate income.

More information about the program is available at <http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/assistance-for-governments-and-organizations/disaster-recovery-initiative/hurricane-irma/irma-voluntary-home-buyout-program>.

Voluntary participation forms are available by contacting Emergency Management at eoc@flaglercounty.org or by calling 386-313-4243.

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