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## Voluntary Home Buyout Program monies available to Hurricane Irma damage victims

**July 23, 2019** – The State of Florida has allocated funds through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Voluntary Home Buyout Program for those who received damage from Hurricane Irma.

The 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 only a small window of opportunity, but we want to let residents know this program is available,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord.

According to the state’s website, to qualify under this program homeowners must:

- Have received damage from Hurricane Irma
- Obtain an appraisal for the 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 by July 29, 2019
- Have a completed application submitted by July 31, 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 emailing [eoc@flaglercounty.org](mailto:eoc@flaglercounty.org) or by calling 386-313-4243.

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