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Residents reminded Rebuild Florida deadline is March 29

March 12, 2019 – The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity reminds residents the application deadline, March 29, for its “Rebuild Florida” is fast approaching. To date, 214 Flagler County residents have registered for assistance.

The department established the program in September 2018 to provide \$616 million to help families repair or rebuild homes significantly damaged by Hurricane Irma – including communities within Flagler County.

“I understand the registration process only takes between 15 and 30 minutes, so it is worthwhile to take the time to do it,” said Emergency Management Chief Jonathan Lord. “We want to encourage everyone who is looking for assistance throughout Flagler County to review the requirements and apply.”

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.

For more information, go to www.rebuildflorida.gov, or call 844-833-1010. Eligible Florida residents now have until March 29 to register for the Rebuild Florida Housing Repair and Replacement Program.

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