

**HERNANDO COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Hernando County is considering applying to the Florida Commerce – Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery allocation described in the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2025.

Project 1 – The Waterways Building Project is located in the Hernando Beach Area of Hernando County at 4170 Pine Dale Court. The preliminary activities and estimated dollar amount and percentage benefit to low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons for which the County is applying are:

Activity	Estimated Budget	LMI %
Grant Administration	\$339,250	57.35%
Reports & Invoicing	\$200,000	57.35%
CEI	\$250,000	57.35%
Design & Engineering	\$750,000	57.35%
Environmental	\$50,000	57.35%
Permitting	\$5,000	57.35%
Site Demolition	\$75,000	57.35%
Fencing	\$30,000	57.35%
Seawall	\$1,000,000	57.35%
Dock & Gangways	\$1,000,000	57.35%
General Construction	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	57.35%
Total	\$7,199,250	

Unmet needs include demolition of existing storm damaged structures, the construction of a new Waterways facility to include an approximately 4,340 sq. ft. elevated office building, seawall renovation & addition, dock renovation & addition, boat ramp renovation and fencing of property. All necessary infrastructure will be added to the property as well as addressing the required drainage modification to allow for proper flow of stormwater on and through the site.

Project 2 – The Coast Guard Auxiliary Building Project is also located in the Hernando Beach Area of Hernando County at 4340 Callenta Street. The preliminary activities and estimated dollar amount and percentage of benefit to low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons for which the County is applying are:

Activity	Estimated Budget	LMI %
Grant Administration	\$469,390	57.35%
Design & Engineering	\$1,072,300	57.35%
Site Surveys, Investigations & Reports	\$15,000	57.35%
Permitting	\$6,500	57.35%
Asbestos	\$3,500	57.35%
Survey & Testing	\$42,000	57.35%
Site Demolition	\$27,500	57.35%
General Construction	\$7,774,000	57.35%
Equipment	\$12,000	57.35%
Furnishing	\$35,000	57.35%
Contingency	<u>\$400,000</u>	57.35%
Total	\$9,857,690	57.35%

Unmet needs include the demolition of existing storm damaged, flood prone structure, the construction of a new facility to include an approximately 30,000 sq. ft. elevated building space, furnishing, retrofitting and permanent generator. All necessary infrastructure will be added to the property as well as addressing the required drainage modification to allow for proper flow of stormwater on and through the site, parking, security, etc.

A Public Hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held September 23, 2025, during a regular Board of County Commission meeting in Commission chambers, located at 20 North Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard. A summary of the proposed application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the Hernando County Health and Human Services offices located at 20 North Main Street, Room 161 Brooksville, FL 34601 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. no more than 7 business days after submission of the application. The application is expected to be submitted to Florida Commerce on or about September 29, 2025. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the Public Hearing contact Casey Stepp, Hernando County Procurement Department, Grant Writer at 352-754-4778 or cstepp@co.hernando.fl.us

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired, any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing, and any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Ms. Tiffany Smith at 352-754-4778 ext. 27018 or tsmith@co.hernando.fl.us at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.