



Resolution to Approve Local Project Prioritization Criteria

Project Prioritization for Voluntary Home Buyout Program

Federal Prioritization Criteria

In compliance with the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery prioritization criteria detailed in the program guidelines, Monroe County will evaluate each of the project sites and provided scoring as follows:

1. Benefit to LMI households—maximum of 20 points combined:
 - A. LMI household: 5 points.
 - B. LMI household that occupies anyone 62 or older: 5 points.
 - C. LMI household that occupies anyone under age 18: 5 points.
 - D. LMI household that includes anyone that is disabled, handicapped, or has special needs: 5 points.
2. Low- and moderate-income households that did not have flood insurance at the time of the disaster: 10 points.
3. Matching contributions—maximum of 25 points combined:
 - A. Efforts leverage funding with HMGP: A maximum of 10 points will be awarded based on the applicant's efforts to secure funding with HMGP as part of the match program offered as option one of the Voluntary Home Buyout Program.
 - B. Matching: A maximum of 15 points will be awarded based on the ratio of the amount of eligible matching funds to the amount of CDBG funds request: 1.1 or more, 15 points; 0.75–1, 10 points; 0.50–1, 7 points; 0.25–1, 5 points; and less than 0.25, 0 points.
(Note: Monroe County will not be submitting any projects with matching contributions)

Local Prioritization Criteria

In addition to the federal prioritization, the County may develop additional local prioritization criteria in order to fairly and equitably prioritize homeowners for the voluntary home buyout program while focusing on the program's purpose to reduce community risk.

The Monroe County point allocation criteria is as follows:

1. 5 pts for homes that were substantially damaged as a result of Hurricane Irma;
2. 5 pts for homes that are located in the V Zone as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency;
3. 5 pts for repetitive loss structures as designated by the National Flood Insurance Program;
4. 10 pts for severe repetitive loss structures as designated by the National Flood Insurance Program, and
5. 5 pts for high probability of sea level rise inundation on the property or roads adjacent to the property as that inundation data correlates to the amp series as accepted by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners and incorporated into the County's GreenKeys Plan. The County may consider other such data that is appropriate and useful to determine inundation; and
6. 5 pts for when the home was the property owner/applicant(s)' primary residence at the time of Hurricane Irma. Primary residency will be based upon homestead status with the Monroe County Property Appraiser.

The Monroe County Board of County Commissioners approved resolutions detailing the local prioritization criteria at their August 21, 2019 and February 17, 2021 meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. 056 -2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE MONROE COUNTY VOLUNTARY HOME BUYOUT LOCAL PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PROPERTIES INTERESTED IN THE VOLUNTARY HOME BUYOUT PROGRAM UTILIZING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING AND UPDATING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 224-2019.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma impacted the Florida Keys in September 10, 2017 destroying or majorly damaging over 4000 residential structures in Monroe County severely augmenting the workforce housing crises; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) developed a Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan that detailed how the State will administer the funds statewide. The Action Plan allocated \$15 Million for the Voluntary Home Buyout Program (VHBP) for the unincorporated portions of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Rebuild Florida's CDBG-DR Voluntary Home Buyout Program is to acquire properties that are in high-risk flood areas to help reduce the impact of future disasters, and to assist property owners to relocate to less risk prone areas. These funds will support property acquisition, structure demolition and conversion of the land to open space or storm water improvements that alleviate flooding. The property must be deed-restricted in perpetuity to open space uses or to restore and/or conserve the natural floodplain functions; and

WHEREAS the program specifies prioritization criteria which must be implemented within each jurisdiction in compliance with CDBG-DR regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County may develop additional local prioritization criteria in order to fairly and equitably prioritize homeowners for the voluntary home buyout program while focusing on the program's purpose to reduce community risk; and

WHEREAS, the County adopted *Resolution 224-2019* on August 21, 2019 providing the local prioritization criteria for selection of properties interested in the VHBP; and

WHEREAS, this resolution seeks to update and replace *Resolution 224-2019* to provide additional prioritization criteria to allow for 5 points (pts) for primary residences of the property

owner/applicant and to provide clarification under Section 1. eligibility criteria to provide that tenant occupied homes will not be eligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. To be eligible for consideration by Monroe County for volunteer home buyout, the applicant must be:

1. The owner of the property. (A tenant in a rental property is not eligible.)
2. The owner must not have tenants in the property at the time of application submission and throughout the VHBP application process to remain eligible. (Properties that are tenant occupied are not eligible).
3. The owner must be willing to relinquish all development rights to the property, including but not limited to allocations granted under the County's Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO).

Section 2. The proposed Monroe County point allocation criteria is as follows:

1. 5 pts for homes that were substantially damaged as a result of Hurricane Irma;
2. 5 pts for homes that are located in the V Zone as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency;
3. 5 pts for repetitive loss structures as designated by the National Flood Insurance Program;
4. 10 pts for severe repetitive loss structures as designated by the National Flood Insurance Program;
5. 5 pts for high probability of sea level rise inundation on the property or roads adjacent to the property as that inundation data correlates to the map series as accepted by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners and incorporated into the County's GreenKeys Plan Technical Appendix C. The County may consider other such data that is appropriate and useful to determine inundation; and
6. 5 pts for when the home was the property owner/applicant(s)' primary residence at the time of Hurricane Irma. Primary residency will be based upon homestead status with the Monroe County Property Appraiser.

Section 3. This resolution will be effective on February 17, 2021 and updates and replaces *Resolution 224-2019.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 17th day of February 2021.

Mayor Michelle Coldiron, District 2	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Pro Tem David Rice, District 4	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Craig Cates, District 1	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Eddie Martinez, District 3	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mike Forster, District 5	<u>Yes</u>



Attest: KEVIN MADOK, CLERK

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As Deputy Clerk

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OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Michelle Castro*
Mayor

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