

July 12, 2023

Honorable Lumon May  
Escambia County Board of County Commissioners  
221 Palafox Place, Suite 420  
Pensacola, FL 32502

Dear Chairman May,

The Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) is pleased to inform you that your project has been selected to receive Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds based on the Escambia County Sally VHB application submitted to the Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program. We would like to thank the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners for participating in the application process. The award allocation for your selected CDBG-DR project is:

**Award Amount: Up to \$3,170,114.80**

In the coming weeks, a representative from the Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program will contact you to continue moving forward on the grant process. Receipt of CDBG-DR funds is contingent upon entering into a subrecipient agreement with FloridaCommerce. Your project will be assigned a grant manager who will work with you to draft the agreement. Once an acceptable scope of work and budget are developed, your grant manager will send the agreement for your review and approval.

Upon execution of your agreement, we will schedule a date and time for a mandatory Subrecipient Post-Execution Meeting. At this meeting, we will review the life cycle of your CDBG-DR agreement and provide technical assistance on some of the required HUD cross-cutting measures.

Please contact the FloridaCommerce Environmental Program as soon as possible to initiate the Environmental Exemption for your project. This Exemption needs to be completed without delay in an effort to safeguard your project activities. Please contact the Environmental Program Manager, Geoff Amison, to begin this process. Geoff may be reached by phone at (850) 717-8422 or by email at [james.amison@commerce.fl.gov](mailto:james.amison@commerce.fl.gov).

Congratulations on your selection for the Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program. FloridaCommerce looks forward to partnering with your community to support your disaster recovery needs and to help improve the lives and safety of all Floridians. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Anastasia Smith, Subrecipient Housing Manager, at (850) 717-8463 or via email at [anastasia.smith@commerce.fl.gov](mailto:anastasia.smith@commerce.fl.gov).

Respectfully,



Justin Damer, Director  
Office of Long-Term Resiliency