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Charlotte County COAD Disaster Assistance Program for Hurricane Relief

Port Charlotte, FL, 8/17/26 - In response to the widespread damage caused by Hurricanes Ian, Idalia, Helene, and Milton, Charlotte County's **Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)** announced that its **Disaster Assistance Program** continues to have resources available. The Disaster Assistance Program is designed to support Charlotte County residents in their recovery efforts. Through this program, COAD will offer home repair support, financial aid, and disaster case management to qualifying residents impacted by recent storms.

The Disaster Assistance Program aims to connect eligible Charlotte County residents with essential resources, prioritizing individuals who may not have access to other forms of assistance. "This program is part of our commitment to ensuring that every resident has access to support, especially those in the most vulnerable situations," said Deb Houck, Long Term Recovery Director Gulf Coast Partnership. "We encourage anyone who believes they qualify to submit an application so that we can assist them in navigating the recovery process."

Eligibility Requirements

This program is specifically for households meeting low-income guidelines as defined by HUD standards (for example, \$54,050 annually for a single-person household and \$61,800 for a two-person household). The guidelines increased this year, which means more households can receive assistance.

The program assists households impacted by Hurricanes Ian, Idalia, Helene, and Milton.

The program prioritizes residents facing severe storm-related damage.

Additional prioritization for the program includes those who are:

- Displaced homeowners and renters
- Head of household - aged 60 or older
- People with disabling conditions
- Households with minor children

Additional eligibility factors include property ownership, homestead exemption status, property tax payments, significant home damage affecting safety and functionality, and no current litigation involving the property owner.

Application Process



Charlotte County residents who believe they meet the above criteria can complete the Disaster Assistance Application, which will serve as a preliminary assessment to determine their eligibility for support. Applications can be submitted online by visiting **www.coadfl.org** and clicking the **Get Started** button.

This application will assess eligibility based on a range of criteria, including household income, size, and individual circumstances. COAD encourages only those meeting HUD low-income standards to apply to streamline the application process and ensure rapid assistance for qualified households.

For more information on the Disaster Assistance Program or to apply, please visit www.coadfl.org or contact **Deb Houck, Long-Term Recovery Director** at: **941-769-5162** or by email at **LTR@gulfcoastpartnership.org**.

About Gulf Coast Partnership

The Gulf Coast Partnership is a community-wide initiative formed to understand community needs, identify best practices, and to forge community consensus to implement goals and strategies to raise the quality of life for all Charlotte County residents. The Gulf Coast Partnership through innovation and collaboration. To learn more about the Gulf Coast Partnership and what they are doing in the community, visit www.gulfcoastpartnership.org

About COAD

COAD is a group of Charlotte County community organizations, working together to provide coordination of services to ensure that unmet needs are addressed, provide financial assistance and supplies, and to share knowledge and resources with Charlotte County residents during a disaster. COAD members include faith-based, non-profits, volunteer groups and government agencies.