



Last year, Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida, causing destruction and damage to thousands of homes in its path.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is asking you to join us in helping the employees and families who are employed in your business community rebuild their homes that remain damaged by Hurricane Irma.

We would appreciate your organization spreading the word about Rebuild Florida to your local business partners.

We are committed to helping Floridians recover from Hurricane Irma's devastating impacts – especially those residents in our hardest hit communities.

Your community was identified as one of the most impacted and distressed areas eligible to register for housing assistance.

In order to be eligible for the Rebuild Florida Housing Repair and Replacement Program homes must have suffered damage as a result of Hurricane Irma. Priority will be given to the most vulnerable populations:

- Households with seniors age 62+
- Households with children age 5 or younger
- Households with special needs or special accommodation requirements (including disability)
- Households with persons displaced from Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands who are permanently resettling in Florida

To register for this program, Florida residents can visit RebuildFlorida.gov or call (844) 833-1010.

There are Rebuild Florida centers in the most impacted counties in order to assist homeowners with the registration process.

There are also three Rebuild Florida busses, visiting the most impacted counties and ZIP codes equipped with a team of specialists who will answer questions and register homeowners.

Registration ends December 23rd.

All of these resources are put in place to help serve your community, but we need your help to connect people to this assistance.

The business community understands the unique needs of its community, so we need your help reaching these vulnerable populations. We hope you will join us in sharing this information.

We have prepared tools including informational handouts, a template newsletter, template social media posts, website content and the program logo for use in your outreach efforts. These resources will be available in English, Spanish and Creole.

Please contact Emilie Oglesby at Emilie.Oglesby@deo.myflorida.com to request a partner toolkit.

We appreciate your help to get your community the information they need to be able to register for this vital program. Thank you again for joining us in our mission to rebuild Florida's communities. We look forward to collaboratively working with you to help get the word out to the impacted homeowners across the state.

Regards,
The Rebuild Florida Team



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