Considering Options and Opportunities to Meet Disaster Recovery Housing Needs

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Objectives

1. Understand the types of housing projects that may be eligible under the CDBG-DR Program

2. Explore how those projects fit community needs

3. Learn how to implement ideas

What is CDBG-DR?

- **Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery**

- Housing, infrastructure, economic development

- Meeting a national objective

- Funding of last resort

- Designed for long-term disaster recovery needs, not immediate relief

Why Housing Matters

- Restoring stability for displaced residents

- Strengthening community resilience

    - Communities continue to be affected when the tax base leaves

Project Types

- Single-Family New Construction Housing (Homebuyer Program)

- Owner-Occupied Rebab/Reconstruction

- Multifamily Development (Rehab/Recon OR New Construction)

- Mixed-use (housing with services)

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Planning for the Future in the Present

- Pre-disaster conditions that may affect housing

  - Affordability

  - Deteriorating Housing Stock

  - Homebuyer vs. Renter

- Ask:

  - What housing gaps exist in your community right now?

Acquisition and Development

- Buying properties for redevelopment

- On and off-site infrastructure improvements

- New construction of single-family or multifamily housing

  - How does the national objective factor in?

  - Targeting mixed-income development

- Key Considerations:

  - Location and environmental review requirements

  - Infrastructure accessibility

  - Building healthy communities

Tip: Start identifying projects and partners early!

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Connecting Disaster Survivors to Opportunities

- Implement clear intake guidelines

- Prioritization

- Timing opportunities to prevent frustration

How Local Governments Can Lead the Charge

- Local governments, states, and non-profit housing partners traditionally are awarded CDBG-DR funds

- Partnering with pre-existing housing agencies in the community is essential

Early Steps in Planning

- Community engagement & needs assessment

- Project feasibility & timelines

- Cost estimates & layered funding

- Applying for funds and administering a project

  - Identifying your partners: grant administering, engineering, developers

QUESTIONS?