The Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) together with several Federal and State agencies are holding workshops to discuss Recovery and Resiliency projects for the Supplemental Funding that will be released soon. This Workshop is being held to discuss OUR region’s projects needed to recover from Hurricane Ian.

The agencies would like projects from our region presented at this Workshop resulting in 4-5+ PRIORITIZED projects to be submitted for implementation. The four breakout sessions will focus on the following categories:

1. AGRICULTURE AND RELATED ISSUES
2. INFRASTRUCTURE
3. WORKFORCE
4. BUSINESS RECOVERY

If you would like to present a project at this workshop, please contact:

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We hope to see you on March 14th. An agenda will be sent out at a later date.
9:00 AM  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
A WORD ABOUT DISASTER IMPACTS: A REGIONAL CONTEXT
Margaret Wuerstle – Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Jaha Cummings – Disaster Recovery Coordinator
Greg Vaday - U.S. Economic Development Administration

9:30 AM  PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP
INTRODUCTION OF STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS
Greg Vaday - U.S. Economic Development Administration
Milton Cochran - Economic RSF and Federal Partners

9:30 AM  SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING
Laura Curvey, FEMA Community Assistance

10:00 AM  SESSION 1 – AGRICULTURE & RELATED ISSUES
FACILITATOR: MEGAN GREER
• Food Insecurity
  Potential Panelists
  o Joe Woody, USDA
  o USDA FSA
  o USDA Food Nutrition Service
  o USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
  o USDA Risk Management Agency
  o FDACS Agriculture and Aquaculture Divisions
  o Christina Court, UF-IFAS

11:00 AM  SESSION 2 – INFRASTRUCTURE
FACILITATOR: MARGARET WUERSTLE
• Water Quality
• Punta Gorda Stormwater Management Project
• Clewiston WWTP Upgrades and Expansion
• Civic Infrastructure
• Flood Protection and Drainage
  Potential Panelists
  o Dave Apple, U.S. Army Corp of Engineer
  o Rick Durbrow, EPA
  o Dan McGoldrick, U.S. DOI
  o Pam Swingle, U.S. DOI
  o Greg Vaday, EDA
  o Collin Kenline, Florida Division of Emergency Management
  o USDA Rural Development
12:00 PM  WORKING LUNCH WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER
KEVIN L. ERWIN CSE PWS
Kevin L. Erwin Consulting Ecologist, Inc.
Graduate Faculty, The Water School at Florida Gulf Coast University

1:00 PM  SESSION 3 – WORKFORCE
FACILITATOR: JAHA CUMMINGS
- Housing, Transportation, Childcare
- Apprenticeship Program
- Entrepreneur Training
  Potential Panelists
  - Joe Woody, USDA Rural Development
  - HUD
  - Mary Williams, FDEM
  - CareerSource Florida
  - USDOL, ETA
  - Greg Vaday, EDA

2:00 PM  SESSION 4 – BUSINESS RECOVERY
FACILITATOR: JIM BURCH
- Coastal Resiliency
- Working Waterfront
- Economic Analysis and Impacts
- Housing
  Potential Panelists
  - DEO
  - Greg Vaday, EDA
  - Mason Alford, DEO (SSBCI, Bridge Loan)
  - Sasha Jones, DEO (Business Damage Assessment)
  - Dave Apple, U.S. ACE
  - Rick Durbow, EPA
  - DEP, Office of Coastal Protection
  - Dan McGoldrick, DOI
  - Pam Swingle, DOI
  - Andrew Ropicki, UF Sea Grant
  - Randy DeShazo, Tampa Bay RPC
  - Harry Walsh, Tampa Bay RPC

3:00 PM  CLOSING & ADJOURNMENT
Greg Vaday - U.S. Economic Development Administration
Margaret Wuerstle - SWFRPC

SESSION PLANS
- Each session will have about 20 minutes of brief presentations from subject matter experts with state and federal partners for the topic area.
- Each table will have about 20 minutes to have a small group discussion about priority projects. Table leads will ask participants to complete a “tear sheet” (up to one-page summary) for their project idea(s).
- Each table lead will highlight projects discussed at tables to the IRC team during a 20-minute recap. Q&A for each topic can also take place during this time.